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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE

New York Life Insurance Co.

JOHN A. McCALL, President.

346 and 348 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

DECEMBER 31, 1897.

ASSETS.

United States, State, City and other Bonds ($108,173,803), and Stocks of Banks, Trust Companies, etc. ($5,065,948)	$113 239,751
Bonds and Mortgages, (900 first liens	41,028,422
Real Estate (74 pieces, including 12 office buildings)	16,991,000
*Net Premiums in course of collection	4,053,771
Cash in Bank and Trust Companies at interest	10,243,984
Loans on Policies and Premium Notes (Reserve charged thereon in Liabilities, $16,447,893	9,089,498
Interest and Rents accrued	1,486,648
Loans on Collaterals (Market value of Securities, $5,626,655)	4,507,367
Total Assets	$200,694,441

LIABILITIES.

Policy Reserve, as per Certificate of New York Insurance Dept	$164,956,079
Policy Claims in process of payment; Annuities and Endowments awaiting settlement, etc	2,157,295
Policy Trust Funds payable in instalments	209,036
Surplus Reserved Fund voluntarily set aside by the Company which with the Reserve Fund as calculated by the Insurance Department, will be the equivalent to a three per cent reserve on all existing policies (see certificate of Superintendent of Insurance below)	16,195,926
Net Surplus, after setting aside the above Surplus Reserved Fund	17,176,105
Total	$200,694,441

INCOME—1897.

New Premiums on Insurance and Annuities	$ 6,659,816
Renewal Premiums	26,321,145
Interest, etc	8,812 124
Total Income	$ 41,793,085

DISBURSEMENTS—1897.

Death claims	$ 9,669,596
Endowments	2,919 618
Dividends and other payments to policy holders	6,820,242
Commissions on New business of $135,555,794, Medical Examiners' Fees, and Inspection of Risks	3,631,100
Home and Branch Office expenses, taxes, advertisinge, quipment account, telegraph, postage, commissions on old business of $741,465,131 and miscellaneous expenditures	4 770,391
Total Disbursements	$ 27,810,947
Excess of Income	13,982,138
Total	$ 41,793,085

INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

	Number	Amount
Paid-for Insurances in Force December 31, 1896	299,785	$826,816,648
New Insurances Paid for, 1897	63,708	135,555,794
Old Insurances Revived, Increased, etc	699	2,007,825
Totals	364,192	$964,380,267
Total Terminated in 1897	31,234	87,359,342
Paid for Insurances in Force December 31, 1897	332,958	$877,020,925
Gain in 1897	33,173	$ 50,204,277
New Applications Declined in 1897	9,310	25,020,936

CERTIFICATE OF SUPERINTENDENT
OF STTTE OF NEW XORK
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Albany, January 6, 1898.

I, LOUIS F. PAYN, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of the city of New York, in the State of New York, is duly authorized to transact the business of Life Insurance in this State.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that in accordance with the provisions of Section Eighty-four of the Insurance Law of the State of New York, I have caused the policy obligations of the said company outstanding on the 31st day of December, 1897, to be valued as per the Combined Experience Table of Mortality, at FOUR PER CENT. interest, and I certify the same to be $164,956,079.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the admitted assets are

$200,694,440.89.

The general liabilities $2,366,330.49. The Net Policy Reserve as calculated by this department

$164,956,079.00.

The Surplus Reserved Fund voluntarily set aside by the company, which, added to the Department Policy Valuation, provides a liability equivalent to a three per cent. reserve on all policies,

$16,195,926.00.

The Net Surplus (excluding the Surplus Reserved Fund of $16,195,926).

$17,176,105.40.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my official seal to be affixed at the City of Albany, the day and year first above written.

LOUIS F. PAYN, Superintendent of Insurance.

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BLANCO IS WORRIED

He Wishes to Disarm All Spanish Volunteers.

IS IN DOUBT JUST HOW TO DO IT

Germany to Send Warships to Havana. Spaniards Still Shooting Prisoners of War—Insurgents Cause a Panic In a Cavalry Troop.

HAVANA, via Key West, Jan. 20.—How to disarm the volunteers is now the problem which confronts General Blanco. Having heard of their intention to send him back to Spain, as they did Dulce, and knowing that he could not depend on them, he brought during Saturday night 10,000 regulars into Havana, as a renewal of the riots was predicted for Sunday. From early in the morning Sunday entire squadrons of civil guards, regulars and orden publico were constantly marching through different parts of the city. The display of so much force had the desired effect upon the volunteers, who did not make the slightest riotous demonstration, as they had openly announced they would do. Since then the city has been quiet.

To avoid future trouble General Blanco, by the advice of the Autonomist government, is determined to disarm the volunteers, but he is afraid to begin this delicate work. Blanco's first step will be, it is said, to send to the field all the young men who became soldiers in Spain and who are now serving here as volunteers to escape military service in the field. They constitute nearly 50 per cent of the volunteer forces. Blanco is between two fires, as with the volunteers armed autonomy is not possible, and at the same time their disarming may precipitate a revolt.

Of the wounded during the last riots only one has died so far, a milkman, who, finding himself surrounded by a crowd shouting "Viva Weyler!" refused to join in because he said Weyler had taken all his cows. He was accordingly clubbed so severely that he died later.

A bomb was placed at Esquina Tejas, Cerro, in Havana. It exploded with great noise, but no one was hurt. It is said that young Francisco Guzman, son of Deputy Santos Guzman, placed it. He, like his father, favors the volunteers and ultra-Conservatives.

It is announced in Havana that Emperor William is going to make a naval demonstration in Havana harbor in order to inspire the volunteers with respect for German subjects residing here. The Germans in Havana form the more numerous and wealthy foreign colony. Three German warships are expected in Havana next week, and another will remain near Cuban waters.

The relief sent to the concentrados by the American people is greatly incensing the rabid Spaniards here. They believe it an unpatriotic act to help the poor, starving pacificos, first, because the concentration was ordered by General Weyler and, second, because the help for them comes from the United States. Not a single Spanish store gives them anything. Not a cent has come to them from Spain, and no collection has been taken here for their cause, although collections are constantly being made for other causes.

The war is being waged by the Spaniards as ruthlessly as ever. The prisoners of war are shot as in the days of Weyler. The raids on the Cuban hospitals are a matter of every day occurrence. At Guanamor, Santa Clara, a Cuban hospital was raided a few days ago and nine sick Cuban soldiers were assassinated. In Havana province the Cubans have resolved to send their sick and wounded to the east, as their lives are in great danger in the hospitals here, which are constantly assailed by the Spaniards.

The insurgents have raided Jaruco, this province, and without firing a shot carried away the horses of the Spanish cavalry squadron, whose members fled at the sight of the insurgents and took shelter in the civil headquarters.

General Augur's Funeral.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—General Christopher Colon Augur, U. S. A., retired, was buried with military honors at Arlington yesterday afternoon. Funeral services were held at St. John's church, the remains being borne on a caisson draped with the flag under which he had fought through two wars and a score of Indian campaigns.

Can't Persuade This Minister.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., LL. D., president of Union university, announces that he has declined the call extended to him by the Broadway Tabernacle, New York. He says the call was first extended to him in July, again in October and for the third time on Jan. 1.

Two Tramps Shot.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 20.—A desperate fight, which will result in the death of one man, occurred on an Erie railroad train near Willson. Special Officer McNabb was attacked by four tramps and pelted with iron ore. He shot two of them, Alfred Green and John Green. The former will die.

Germany Make Threats.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—"According to international law, Kiao Chau is German territory, and an attack upon it would enable Emperor William to declare war without consulting the bundesrath," significantly remarks the Cologne Gazette.

Bryan a Witness in Murder Trial.

JACKSONVILLE, Ills., Jan. 20.—Yesterday the chief attraction at the Draper trial was William Jennings Bryan, who was a witness for the defense. Mr. Bryan's testimony went to strengthen the character of Mr Draper.

THE CAMDEN SCANDAL.

Bar Association Said to Find Ground For Bribery Charges In Shaw Case.

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 20.—The Camden County Bar association held a meeting in relation to the charges of embracery made in connection with the recent arraignment of Eli Shaw for the murder of his grandmother, which proceedings ended in a mistrial, ordered by Judge Garrison. At the meeting of the Bar association last week a committee was appointed to learn from Judge Garrison the actual reasons for ordering the mistrial.

That committee reported to the association at this meeting, and while every one present was pledged to secrecy, it is said that the report of the committee bore out the charges and recommended an investigation. In pursuance of this, the following committee was appointed to take the matter in charge: Ex-Judge David J. Pancoast, Lewis Starr, Howard M. Cooper and Samuel W. Belden. Another meeting of the Bar association will be held within two weeks. Attorney General Grey was chairman of the meeting.

In connection with the charges resulting from the mistrial, it is said that the grand jury will take action at once and that Sheriff Baird will have a public announcement to make concerning the charges.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Jamaica has been connected with England by cable.

The curfew ordinance has gone into effect in Indianapolis.

An aged woman died at her granddaughter's wedding in Chicago.

The National Stockgrowers' association will hold a great barbecue at Denver.

The government Yukon relief expedition will start from Portland, Or., on Feb. 1.

Santa Cerro, the oldest church on the western continent, was destroyed by earthquake in San Domingo.

The Pall Mall Gazette announces that the health of Mr. Gladstone is causing the gravest anxiety to his friends.

Captain Murphy, charged with filibustering in connection with the steamer Laurada, has been found not guilty.

Mrs. Augusta Nack has been taken to Auburn (N. Y.) prison to serve her sentence for the murder of William Guidensuppe.

Commissioner Butterworth's Obsequies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. — Funeral services over the remains of the late Major Benjamin Butterworth, commissioner of patents, were held at the Church of the Covenant. Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, the pastor, conducting the simple exercises of the Presbyterian church. The church was crowded, those present including President McKinley and all the members of his cabinet except Secretary Alger, who is ill, besides a number of senators and representatives, members of the bar and resident Washingtonians.

Two Judges Banqueted.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—The State Bar association gave a banquet last night to Chief Judge Parker and Judge Andrews, his predecessor. The Hon. Edward G. Whitaker, president of the association, presided. The judges of the court of appeals and Justices Cox and Wallace of the supreme court were guests. Governor Black paid a tribute to the judiciary in general and the two judges in particular.

Bernard Campbell's Claim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The president has sent to the senate the correspondence regarding the claim of Bernard Campbell, an American citizen arrested in Haiti. The last letters were written in December. The Haitian government declares that Campbell has no just claim, but the last letter of the state department insists upon it as being justified. The matter is still in controversy.

Logan Carlisle Buried.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—The funeral of Logan Carlisle, son of ex-Secretary John G. Carlisle, took place yesterday in the Scott Street M. E. church, in Covington, Ky. The house was filled with friends of the deceased, and many floral tributes were placed about the casket. The interment took place in Linden Grove cemetery.

Troops Summoned In Prague.

PRAGUE, Jan. 20.—The troops have been summoned and patrols occupy the chief points of the city owing to threatened disturbances arising from the Czech ferment. A few arrests have been made but nothing serious has occurred thus far.

The Maryland Senatorial Contest.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 20. — The second ballot for a United States senator resulted as follows: Gorman, 46, McComas, 36; Shaw, 11, Shryock, 2; Milliken, 2; Barber, 6; Urner, 1; Findlay, 2; Parran, 6, Lowndes, 1—total, 113, absent, 4.

Harry Straight's Escape.

JERSEY CITY, Jan. 20.—Henry W. Straight, an alleged swindler, who was arrested here on Thursday, has escaped from the city prison by sawing one of the bars of a window. The police were immediately notified. It is thought the fugitive will be recaptured very speedily.

The Boy Went Through the Ice.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Jan 20.—Willie, the 10-year-old son of William Wiler, an engineer on the Valley division of the Consolidated railroad, was drowned in Little river, near the Keating bicycle factory, by breaking through the ice. The body was recovered.

Comment on Teller's Resolution.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Times, in its financial article, says: "Without doubt the adoption of Senator Teller's resolution will have no effect; but the committee's action, even if not approved by the senate, is a bad sign for real currency reform."

NEW NAVAL SCANDAL

Brooklyn Navy Yard Officers Are Involved.

FRAUDULENT PRACTICES CHARGED.

Said That Contracts Were Procured For Merchants on an Understanding That They Would Refund Ten Per Cent of the Price.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—It is reported that an investigation of another scandal in the Brooklyn navy yard will commence at once. Under orders issued by Secretary Long a court of inquiry will convene to determine upon whom rests the responsibility for alleged questionable practices which have prevailed for several years in the marine barracks. The court will be composed of Captain Merrill Miller, as president and member, and Lieutenant Commander J. D. J. Kelley, as recorder.

The matter was first brought to the attention of the department by a Brooklyn merchant named Wallace, who charged that the officers were guilty of fraudulent practices in entering into contracts for supplies. The department directed an investigation by an officer in whom it had confidence, and it is understood that in his report he substantiates the merchant's charges. From what can be learned the charges are of such a grave character that there is a possibility of court martials for both officers and enlisted men resulting from the investigation.

It appears that the charges center around the methods pursued by the marine barracks in making contracts for supplies. For instance, if a lawn mower were in the account, Mr. Wallace charged, an enlisted man, acting as clerk, would go to the favored merchant and inform him that arrangements would be made whereby he could get the contract provided he would engage to give in return 10 per cent of the contract price.

The clerk would then invite the merchant to bid on the lawn mower and would send similar invitations to two of his employees. The merchant would bid an excessive price on the lawn mower, but the clerks would bid higher, and he, being the lowest bidder, would consequently be awarded the contract. Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Higbee is commandant of the barracks. It is alleged that the practices extend over several years and that many enlisted men concerned in it have been discharged.

Another matter brought to the attention of the department was that of an officer in the barracks who, it is alleged, contracted for three stoves for the barracks, but instead of being supplied with the stoves was furnished with a grate. All the papers in the matter have been referred to Captain Miller and Lieutenant Commander Kelley.

Chased by a Panther.

WEST WINSTED, Conn., Jan. 20.—While driving home from a masquerade carnival at Collinsville a party of young persons were chased by a wild animal, supposedly a panther. They had a lively time for nearly a quarter of a mile. Munroe Chidsey and Tommy Mulcahey had a narrow escape, the animal having its forefeet upon the back of their carriage at one time. Hunters are out looking for the animal.

Gold Found In New Bedford.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 20.—Philip Levesque, who lives in the north end of this city, announces that he has discovered gold among the stones which were thrown out when a cellar was excavated for him recently. The specimens assay $40 to the ton, Mr. Levesque says, and a shaft is being sunk to ascertain the extent of the mineral bearing stone.

Valuable Collection of Casts.

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 20.—The class of 1881 of the university has added to its memorial collection of ancient casts in the Art museum a valuable series of casts of ancient sculptures of the triumphal arch of Trajan, at Beneventum. Princeton's new collection is probably the most valuable of its kind now in the United States

Balloon to the Klondike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—C. W. Vosmer is planning to go to the Klondike by balloon. He says he will use the big balloon made for the Chicago World's fair and will be accompanied by James Thompson of Cincinnati, H. Andrews of Chicago and E. Klemtke of Pittsburg, all experienced aeronauts.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Pennsylvania — Blooming Valley, J. D. Barr; Content, E. D. Carrier; Dover, Nathan C. Wallace; Saegerstown, Oliver Saeger; Sipesville, William P. Sipe; Stewartstown, B. G. Bell, Van Dyke, David C. Bashore.

Want Dr. Hall to Remain.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Dr. John Hall will not leave the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, if the voices of his flock bear any weight with him. Last night the congregation, without a dissenting vote, approved resolutions declining to accept his resignation as pastor.

Professor of Art Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 20.—Frank B. Noyes, professor of art in the industrial training school, is dead, aged 31 years His home was in Boston, and for seven years he was instructor in art at Cornell university.

Jack Beresford to Wed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Rumor has it that Mr. John George Beresford, the well known clubman, is engaged to Miss Emilie Iselin, the third daughter of Mr. Adrian Iselin.

CANAL INVESTIGATION.

Bill Drawn Up Providing For Appointment of a Commission of Seven.

ALBANY, Jan. 20. — In accordance with the recommendations of Superintendent of Public Works Aldridge and Governor Black for an investigation into the expenditures for canal improvements, the assembly ways and means committee has drawn up a bill on the subject. The bill provides that the governor, within 20 days after it takes effect, shall appoint not less than seven citizens of the state to constitute a canal commission. The commission shall serve without pay, but shall be entitled to actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of its duty.

The commission shall report concerning the work already done in connection with the deepening of the Erie, Champlain and Oswego canals, the contracts made for such improvements and whether they were properly made, the amount of money actually expended and whether these expenditures were proper, the proportion of the improvement included in contracts already made, the proportions of either canal not included in a contract, the amount which will be required, with the plans and specifications of the superintendent of public works and the state engineer and any other matters that the commissioners consider of public interest.

The commissioners shall proceed with all convenient speed and report in writing to the governor their opinion on or before June 1, 1898, and the governor shall transmit such report to the legislature. The governor, upon application of the commission, may extend the time for making its report, but not beyond July 1, 1898. The commission may require the attendance of witnesses and, for purposes of investigation, is possessed of all the powers conferred upon a committee of the legislature by the legislative law or upon a committee under the code of civil procedure. The commission may employ counsel, engineers and other necessary assistants. Ten thousands dollars is appropiated to carry on the investigation.

A Case of Enoch Arden.

STROUDSBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—Reuben W. Plotts, aged 73 years, was married about a month ago to Mrs. Eliza Brooks, aged 60. The ceremony was performed by Justice Robert Gruves of this town. In securing the marriage license, Mr. Plotts said the death of his first wife occurred in 1882. When the prospective bride was asked concerning her first spouse's decease, she replied that it was "about 1873." Now a letter has been received from Mr. Brooks inquiring for his "long lost wife." The first husband is located in Brooklyn.

Fan Tapping Constitutes Assault.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 20.—The jury in the court of common pleas late yesterday afternoon awarded Miss Catherine Crowley $40 damages and costs against Mrs. Margaret Carthy, both of this city, because the defendant tapped her smartly on the arm with her fan. The assault occurred July 7, 1897, on Main street, and Miss Crowley in her complaint alleged that she suffered great pain in body, humiliation and distress of mind.

Old Man Charged With Assault.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 20.—Rufus W. French, an aged resident of Trumbull, has been arrested at the instigation of Mrs. Walter French, his daughter-in-law, who charges him with assault with intent to kill. Mrs. French alleges that the old man became intoxicated and, after attempting to kill his little granddaughter with a pitchfork, attacked her (Mrs. French) with a carving knife. Her arm and hand were cut, and she says she was compelled to fight for her life.

Sailors Charged With Mutiny.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—Four seamen of the schooner Viking, bound from Baltimore to Boston, have been arrested by the harbor police on the charge of mutiny. It is said that they attempted the life of Captain Jewell F. Eothiday. The seamen are Joseph Barrett, 27 years old, William Conrad, 25; William Williams, 28, and Charles Moller, 32.

Fifty Bodies Recovered.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 20.—A dispatch from Charkoff says that the bodies of 50 victims of the gas explosion in one of the mines of the Donetzaer company, in the Taganrog district, have been extricated. It is feared that others were killed. Three of the 18 injured in the explosion have since succumbed.

Old School Teacher Dead.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Jan. 20.—Miss Annie Bulkley, a teacher in the public schools of this city and vicinity for the last 30 years, died at her home here last evening after an illness of several weeks with rheumatic fever, aged 50 years She was born in Ellington and was the last member of her family.

First Cutdown Ever Made There.

CENTERVILLE, R. I., Jan. 20.—Notices were posted at the Centerville cotton mills yesterday announcing a reduction of wages to take effect next Monday. The mills are owned by the heirs of the late Lieutenant Governor Lapham, and the cutdown is the first that was ever made at the mills.

Suffocated by Coal Gas.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 20.—George W. Sweet, 73 years old, unmarried, and his sister, Elizabeth Sweet, 70 years old, and also unmarried, were found dead in their home near Washington Hollow, Dutchess county. They were asphyxiated by coal gas from a parlor stove.

She Read of Mrs. Lane's Accident.

WASHINGTON, Ky., Jan. 20.—After reading the account of the accident to ex-Senator Blackburn's daughter, Mrs. Lane, Miss Harriet Owens of this place went to her brother's room and, obtaining his pistol, placed it to her temple and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

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MINISTER TO SWEDEN.

A Maine Man Chosen for the Post by President McKinley.

W. W. Thomas, Jr., the recently appointed minister to Sweden, comes from an old Portland family, and for generations back his people have been interested in the development and government of Maine. The new minister to Sweden was born in Portland in 1839, and was educated in the public schools of that city and in Bowdoin college, where he was graduated with the honors of his class in 1860. Mr. Thomas' connection with the state department began when he was only 23 years old, as United States bearer of dispatches. Secretary Seward having selected him

WILLIAM W. THOMAS
(New United States Minister to Sweden)

to carry a treaty to Turkey While he was still in the Ottoman empire Mr Thomas was appointed to the vice consulate at Constantinople, then acting consul at Galatz, in the principality of Moldavia, and finally named as one of the thirty war consuls of the United States, appointed by President Lincoln, and sent to Gothenberg, Sweden. Mr. Thomas remained in Sweden three years, mastering the language and studying the character of the people. In 1890 he went to Sweden, recruited a colony of 51 picked Swedes, sailed with them across the ocean, led them up the St. John river, sharing their hardships and privations as though he were one of their number, and founded a colony in the forests of Maine which has now grown rich and prosperous, and numbers 3,000 souls.

"The story of New Sweden," said Mr Thomas, in an address to his "children in the wood," as he affectionately calls them, "has no parallel in New England since the United States became a nation This Swedish settlement is the only successful agricultural colony founded with foreigners from over the ocean in New England since the revolutionary war, and surely in all America there is no agricultural settlement so young as ours that surpasses our model colony in progress and prosperity."

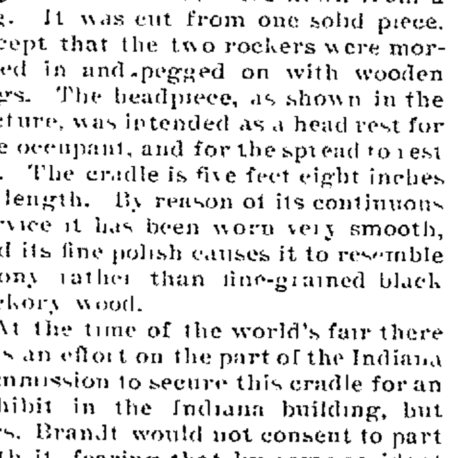
RARE INDIANA CRADLE.

More Than Forty Babies Have Been Rocked to Sleep in It.

Valparaiso, Ind., has a cradle yet in actual use in the home of Rev. John L. Brandt which is 106 years old In this interesting nursery fixture more than 40 babies have been rocked to sleep.

In it was rocked in his infancy Mordecai Bardesty, the first white child born in Indianapolis. The cradle came from Virginia, and was handed down to the Brandt family by the grandmother of Mrs. John L. Brandt, wife of the pastor of the Christian tabernacle, of Valparaiso.

Mrs. George Marquis is Mrs. Brandt's grandmother. She had 14 children,



THE OLD CRADLE
(Forty Babies Have Been Rocked in It)

who were rocked to sleep in this cradle. Mrs. Brandt's father was one of the 14. He is now 86 years of age.

It is a quaint old relic of the primitive days when cradles were hewn from a log. It was cut from one solid piece, except that the two rockers were mortised in and pegged on with wooden pegs. The headpiece, as shown in the picture, was intended as a head rest for the occupant, and for the spread to rest on. The cradle is five feet eight inches in length. By reason of its continuous service it has been worn very smooth, and its fine polish causes it to resemble ebony rather than fine-grained black hickory wood.

At the time of the world's fair there was an effort on the part of the Indiana commission to secure this cradle for an exhibit in the Indiana building, but Mrs. Brandt would not consent to part with it, fearing that by some accident it might be damaged or lost. An effort will be made to get permission to send it to the Paris exposition of 1900, along with other American curiosities.

Latest Engine of Death.

Military experts are at present interested in a new self-moving car, which is to be a veritable carriage of death. It is to be driven by a 16-horse power engine at the rate of over 40 miles an hour over a country reasonably level. The climax and purpose of this remarkable machine is to carry two rapid-firing cannon. One man only is needed to run this terrible wheeled weapon of war, and this same man also attends to the firing and loading

Burt Must Be Hanged.

AUSTIN, Jan. 20—Governor Culberson declines to interfere in the murder case of Eugene Burt, sentenced to be hanged in this city tomorrow for the murder of his wife and two children July 26 1896

"WISHT HE HAD A MUDDER."

The One Desire of a Sick Lad Down in the Slums.

They were children of the slums, and their conversation was overheard by a visitor from a charitable society, who was taking them some substantials. It was a half-grown lad who asked his little sister what she was reading in a scrap of paper, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

"Suthin' about poppin' corn," answered the child.

"Kin you read out loud?"

"You bet I kin. It's about some folks that was settin' roun' a nice hot fire—"

"Oh, my! Wisht it was us," interrupted the boy.

"An' their mother, she put some corn in de popper an' shooked it over de hot coals, and it popped out white, jest like dey was flowers. Den dey eat it all up, and dere mother told 'em nice stories."

"My, don't I wisht for some popcorn to eat dis very minnit," said the boy.

"Wese ain't got enny popper," wailed a shivering infant of stunted growth.

"Nor no corn."

"Nor no fire."

Then a sick child lying on a bed of dreary rags in the corner opened his eyes and said, peevishly:

"I don't keer for de popper, nor de corn, nor de fire—not much—but I wisht I had a mudder—oh, golly, I do."

THE CRETAN FLAG.

Big Black Cross on a White and Little White Cross on a Blue Ground.

The number of countries having national flags, their number is now more than 100—is to be added Crete, the patriotic Cretans believing that the selection of a flag should precede rather than follow autonomy. The formal acceptance of the Cretan flag was made at the Monastery of Arkadi, on the scene of the stand made by the patriotic Cretans against the Turkish soldiery in the revolt of 1866.

The Cretan flag is to show a black cross upon a white ground, symbolic "of the mourning of Crete for the continued postponement of her national aspirations." White and black on a flag is not an approved combination, except among pirates, and for that reason the Cretan flag, at some sacrifice of symmetry, has been further embellished by a second and smaller cross in the left-hand upper corner, a white cross on a blue ground the Greek colors The portion of the flag occupied by the Greek colors is symbolic of the hope of ultimate consolidation of Crete with Greece.

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Great Preparations are Under Way!

Some to culminate shortly. Big lots of new and choice merchandise will soon pour into our two stores, and there must be nothing here to impede progress when they arrive, so the word has gone forth and has re-echoed in every part of the store, the one word that means so much to us and to you—CLEARANCE. It will be a clearance on a gigantic scale. The price broom will do its sweeping well for the power that will wield it, the force that will be behind its every stroke will be that irresistible force—PRICE Read this announcement carefully. It is brimful of bargains, the equal of which you were never offered before.

Blankets.

A few more samples only left They are sample blankets that laid on our counters, used to show and sell stock from They are all a little soiled from handling. It does not affect their worth in the least but it will affect their price just about one half, for we don't want to inventory or keep over until next year anything soiled however little Only small lots Whoever gets one of these gets $2 worth for $1.

4 Pair Very Heavy Rose Blankets

Were a big bargain for $1. We sold 300 pair for that price They are samples 65c a pair is riddance price

4 Pair of Sample Blankets.

Fine goods. $1.50 a pair they sold for A little soiled from handling. Riddance price 75c a pair

3 Pair Only, Wool Blankets

and more than half wool at that. They were $3 a pair. A little soiled. They must go this week at $1 69 a pair.

2 Pair Only, Fine Wool Blankets

Were cheap at $6 a pair. They are a little soiled. Riddance price $2 80 a pair.

3 Pair Only, Heavy Wool Blankets

Were $4.50 A little soiled. Riddance price $2 35 a pair.

2 Pair Only, California Blankets,

Were $10. Riddance price $5 a pair

We are bound to pound our stock down before inventory Here are clearance sale prices for Wash Goods.

Best Black or Silver Grey Calico

4½ cents.

Best Indigo Blue Calico

4½ cents

Best Light Ground Calico

3½ cents.

10c Outing Flannel

6 cents a yard

The Cream of All on Wash Goods Bargains

Will be one case of best Dark Ground Calicoes made. They sell at all dry goods stores for 6 to 7c a yard Before inventory price 3½c a yard

Best Apron Check Ginghams

4½ cents

Stock Reduction Sale

of last week proved to be a great success Why should it not be with such prices and such goods? This week we make still lower prices, as inventory time is near We are not looking for a profit, and many odd lots go for less than cost.

Cotton Pillow Cases

You can buy these if you come before they are all gone for less than the material costs you at retail, and yet they are all made, hemmed and ready for use. These prices are fully a fourth under present retail figures They are prices you will seek in vain outside of our store Bleached Pillow Cases 45x36 8c each

Jackets.

If you are in need of a [illegible] don't miss this chance Remember these [illegible] old timers, from three to five years old, but [illegible] garment is new and UP TO DATE, MADE [illegible] THE LATEST STYLE, THIS SEASON'S GOODS It would be a big offer to say we will sell these at half price We are going to do better than that This week what few jackets are left you can have at half the price we paid for them, and we bought them direct from the manufacturers and paid spot cash for them There are only a few left, but if you can find your size you will get the greatest bargain you ever had.

3 Black Jackets,

Made of fine Kersey cloth in the latest style, storm collar, tailor back. $5 was the price. Riddance price $1.98

7 Jackets,

Made of fine Kersey cloth, storm collar, tailor back, half lined with silk serge Size 32, 34, 36, 40, 42. Price was $8 50 Riddance price $3 75.

4 Brown Jackets,

Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38 Were $6.50. Clearance price $3.50.

A Few Fine

$13 50, $15 and $18 JACKETS cut in price in like proportion.

Continuation of Clearance Sale of Linen

12½ and 15c Towels Clearance price 9c each

45c Half Bleached Table Linen

29c a yard.

50c Cream Damask Table Linen,

64 inches wide, 35c a yard.

$1 35 Large Dinner Napkins,

21x21 inches Clearance price 99c

$1.59 Large Dinner Napkins,

Clearance price $1 25.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c., $1 25 each

Chenille Portiers

$1 98 and $2 98 a pair

Ladies' Fascinators

25, 50, 75 cents.

Child's Toques,

35 cent quality, 15 cents

Outlined Doylies

1 and 2 cents each.

Continuation of Clearance Sale of Wool Hosiery.

Babies' Wool Hose

3½ cents a pair.

Men's 25c Wool Sox

10c a pair.

Men's 35c Very Fine Cashmere Hose

12½ cents a pair

Child's 25c Wool Hose,

Plain or ribbed, 15 cents a pair.

Men's Good Cotton Sox

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At this time of the year space is more valuable than goods Some of the reductions now made on the very finest of our dress goods have no other reason. Nearly all these goods are of the class known as "Novelties" They include many of the choicest fabrics on our woolen counters

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AN OLD ERIE TICKET.

No 13 of the First Series Issued From New York to Delaware, New Port Jervis.

From the Port Jervis Gazette.

We were shown Wednesday a very interesting and valuable relic by Dr. J. J. Mills, which had been presented to him by President George Schoonover.

It was one of the first series of tickets ever issued by the New York and Erie Railroad, from New York to Delaware, which latter was then the name of the station at Port Jervis fifty years ago. The number of the ticket is 13, and is signed "H. Fitch, Manager." This ticket was in the possession of the late Hon. Franklin K. Broadhead for twenty years, and from him passed to Joseph D. Jones, who kept it fifteen years. Its next owner was Mr. Schoonover, who has had possession of it for ten years, It was recently photographed in New York city for the Erie Co. officials who would gladly have purchased it of Mr. Schoonover and paid a liberal price for it.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS.

To Be Held, To-night, Under the First Baptist Church Auspices.

Cottage prayer meetings will be held in various parts of the city under the auspices of the First Baptist Church, this evening. All those residing in the neighborhood of the houses named below are cordially invited to attend. Meetings will begin at 7:45 p. m. and Gospel Hymns will be used. The following homes will be opened:

Mrs. George Conkling, 117 East Main street; Mrs. John Russell, 10 William street; G. W. S. Hess, 19 Prince street; W. T. Fuller, 109 Wickham avenue; Mrs. J. V. Merritt, 28 Mill street; S. S. Purvis, 140 West Main street; A. Allee, 119 North street; Mrs. Robinson, 23 Hanford street; Mrs. M. Conkling, 25 Mills avenue; Mrs. H. G. Ray, 227 Cottage street; Mrs. J. T. Fisher, 26½ Knapp avenue.

SENT OUT MANY SOLDIERS.

The War Record of the South Woods Section of Hancock.

From the Downsville News.

In the section known as the South Woods, Hancock, when the civil war broke out, within a radius of two miles lived thirty families that sent thirty-five soldiers into the Union armies. Seven of these were Goulds. It is claimed that the community was represented on more battlefields than any other of equal size in the land. Of the thirty-five soldiers three were killed in battle, six were wounded, six died of disease and one was drowned. The wounded all recovered and returned home. But one of the thirty-five had anything but a clean soldier's record,

Have Been Married Sixty-two Years.

Edward Groom, aged ninety, and Martha Groom, his wife, aged ninety-three, of Mount Holly, N. Y., issued an invitation to their friends and relatives to attend a birthday party given for Mr. Groom on Saturday, and among those who responded were seven brothers and sisters of Mrs. Groom, whose combined ages aggregate 591 years. The old folks enjoy excellent health, and have lived all their lives in Mount Holly. They have been married sixty-two years and have lived in one house forty-four years.

MOUNT SALEM.

A Surprise Party—Going to the Klondike—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Edward Stoll, of near Mount Salem, had a complete surprise, Friday evening, when quite a number of his friends walked in upon him about 8 o'clock. His wife, who has heretofore expressed a dislike for surprise parties, was in the secret, but Mr. Stoll besought her to make the best of it now that they were all there and not be angry, which soon set matters right. The party was a social success, all being loath to leave the hospitable roof until the hours had sped well into Saturday morning.

—Mort Elston, formerly of this place, but now in California, writes that he was to start for Alaska and the Klondike gold fields, Jan. 18th. He will be one of a party of six who have all pledged themselves to stand by one another. Mort has the right material in him to bring back some pretty good sized nuggets.

—Little Millie Elston, of Westtown, is spending a few days with her aunts and grandfather, M. N. Elston, on the farm.

—Our minister, Mr. Edwards, had a present of a nice load of wood, last week, and a surprise party of men with their axes came and cut it into fine wood almost before he knew it.

—Rev. Mr. Edwards and family spent Friday at Peter Carpenter's, and Saturday at Mrs. S. Emma Corwin's, on the mountain road.

—The friends of Miss Abbie Hoyt, of the Hopt homestead, will be glad to hear that she is improving and gradually gaining strength since her recent serious illness.

—Miss Fannie A. Elston is spending a few days in Middletown this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel House, of Waterloo Mills, spent Monday visiting friends near this place.

—Miss Carrie Crowell, of near this village, has taken a position in the silk mill at Unionville.

—Bowdoine Cortright is visiting his friends in New York city, this week.

—Miss Lizzie Hoyt, of the Hoyt homestead, is spending a couple of days in Middletown, this week, visiting her sister, Della.

A GREAT INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Fine Showing Made by the New York Life in Its Annual Statement.

The fifty-third annual statement of the New York Life Insurance Company, printed in another column, gives interesting details of the business of 1897, a summary of which was published on the first day of the new year. The items of income from premiums and interest, and the payments to policy holders in death claims, endowments, annuities, dividends, and cash surrender values, will give an idea of the scope and significance of the company's activity. No corporations in the country, except the largest railroads, even approach the great life companies in the magnitude of their operations, and none are more closely connected with the well-being of the people. Life insurance is the best form of socialism extant—a system which provides for the needs of all through the love of each for his own. In the New York Life over 330,000 persons are thus banded together, under contracts calling for $875,000,000 at maturity, over $200,000,000 of which is already in hand. It is about six years since President McCall assumed the direction of this great company, and his administration has been marked by great energy in securing new business, by the issue of an unrestricted policy combining unusual privileges to the insured, and by the utmost frankness in the publicity of details. The practical adoption of a three cent. standard of reserve, on all policies, is significant of the conservatism of Mr. McCall's management. The company's invested funds will earn just as much as before, but this change puts it in a position to meet, without danger, such further reductions in the interest rate as may take place during the next generation.

The company is ably represented in this city by W. Thacher Fish.

Summer Hotel for New Paltz.

New York parties, said to be largely interested in the brewing business, have practically closed a bargain for the purchase, of John C. Brodhead, of forty acres of land in New Paltz, along the Highland turnpike, and propose to spend $200,000 in building a summer hotel and laying out attractive grounds.

Successful Local Insurance Company.

The Delhi Insurance Company, a mutual concern, paid $826.40 in losses, last year. Its heaviest loss, $751, was for a barn struck by lightning. The company has 356 policies in force, insuring $671,685. The cost of insurance was twelve and a half cents on each $100, about half the rate in stock companies.

HOWELLS.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

—Miss Mamie Stack, a popular young lady of Thompson Ridge, who has been visiting the family of E. A. St. John here for the past week, returned home, Wednesday.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was perscribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular perscription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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New York Produce Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 20, '98.

BUTTER—Receipts for week 30,614 packages; exports for week 143 packages.

Creamery, tubs or pails, extra	20 @
Do., firsts	18 @19
State dairy, half firkin tubs and pails, fresh, extra	18 @
Do., firsts	@
Western dairy, firsts	@
Do., seconds	@
Western factory, extra	14½@
Do., firsts	13 @14

CHEESE—Receipts for week 16,345 boxes; exports 9,297 boxes.

State factory, full cream, fancy	8¾@ 8¼
Full cream, fine	7½@ 8
State factory, skims	2 @ 3

POULTRY AND GAME—

LIVE POULTRY.

Chickens, per lb.	8 @ 8½
Roosters, per pound	5 @ 5½
Fowls, per pound	9 @ 9½
Turkeys, per pound	10 @
Ducks, per pair	40 @ 65
Geese, per pair	75 @1 50

DRESSED POULTRY.

Chickens, per pound	9@10
Turkeys, per pound	8@13
Fowls, State and Jersey, per pound	6@ 8½
Ducks, per pound	@

EGGS—Receipts for week 18,422 cases, and ..... barrels.

State and Pennsylvania, per dozen	25@
Western, per dozen	24@

FRUITS AND BERRIES—

Apples, per barrel	3 00@4 50
Grapes, per basket	7@ 10

VEGETABLES—

Potatoes, per barrel	2 50@2 75
Cabbage, per 100	1 75@3 50
Onions, per barrel	3 00@6 00
Celery, per dozen	5@ 50

SUNDRIES—

Beeswax, per pound	26@27
Honey, per pound	7@12

MILK—The surplus on the railroad platform has been sold at ..... a can of 40 quarts.

The Exchange price remains 2¼c a quart, net, to the shipper.

Names Railroads	Cans Fluid Milk	Cans Condensed	Cans Cream
D., L. & W	5,375	...	35
Erie	3,750	65	105
N. Y., O. & W.	3,165	...	107
Susquehanna & West'n	1,875	...	30
Harlem Railroad	2,350	38	27
N. Y. & N. H.	1,250	...	...
West Shore	1,360	46	20
New Jersey Central	275	...	15
New York & Putman	350	...	...
Miscellaneous	1,550	...	50
Total	21,900	149	389

COMMON SENSE CURE.

PYRAMID PILE CURE CURES PILES PERMANENTLY BY CURING THE CAUSE.

Remarkable Remedy Which Is Bringing Comfort to Thousands of Sufferers.

Probably half the people who see this article suffer from piles. It is one of the commonest diseases and one of the most obstinate. People have it for years and just because it is not immediately fatal they neglect it. Carelessness causes no end of suffering. Carelessness about so simple a thing as piles has often caused death. Hemorrhages occur during surgial treatment, often causing death.

Piles are simple in the beginning and easily cured. They can be cured even in the worst stages, without pain or loss of blood, quickly, surely and completely. There is only one remedy that will do it —Pyramid Pile Cure.

It allays the inflammation immediately, heals the irritated surface and with continued treatment reduces the swelling and puts the membranes into good, sound healthy condition. The cure is thorough and permanent.

Here is a voluntary and unsolicited testimony we have lately received:

Mrs. M. C. Hinkly, 601 Mississippi St., Indianapolis, Ind., says: Have been a sufferer from the pain and annoyance of Piles for fifteen years; the Pyramid Pile Cure and Pyramid Pills gave me immediate relief and in a short time a complete cure.

Druggists sell Pyramid Pile Cure or will get it for you if you ask them to. It is but 50 cents per package and is put up by the Pyramid Drug Co. Marshall, Mich.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

Sold by J. E. Mills, 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. Fifteen and twenty-five cents.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown

as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Dr. Miles' ***Pain Pills*** are guaranteed to ***stop Headache*** in 20 minutes. "One cent a dose."

DeWitt's Little Early Risers.

The famous little pills.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

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Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 8 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4.19 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6.01 "	
96 Middletown Way	6.30 "	....6.33 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G.'exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	...7,28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a. m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p. m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6.55 p. m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
27 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.38 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
* 25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.02 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a. m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.03 p m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a. m.: 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, 8. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 55 a.m.	....11.57 a.m
*115	" "		.... 6.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 00	....11.10 a. m

GOING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.15 a.m
*130	" " " "	5.40 pm

LEGAL NOTICES.

WHEREAS, Default has been made in the payment of the interest money secured by a mortgage, dated the 28th day of June, 1889, executed by The Goshen Gas Light Company through its then President, E. D. Bushnell, of the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., to Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, to secure the payment of its bonds to the amount of twelve thousand dollars, which said mortgage was recorded in the County Clerk's office, of the county of Orange, on the 28th day of December, 1889, at ten o'clock and fifteen minutes a. m., in the proper book for recording mortgages, to wit: In Liber 309 of Mortgages, at Page 421.

And whereas, it was in and by said mortgage expressly agreed "In case default is made in the payment of the principal or interest moneys on said bonds secured by this mortgage, or any part thereof, for the space of ninety days after the same or any part thereof shall accrue, become due and payable; or if the said party of the first part shall allow any taxes or assessments levied or assessed under any color of any lawful authority whatever to remain unpaid more than ninety days after the same shall become due and payable, that then and in such case the whole principal debt shall become and be forthwith due and payable even though said bonds may not have fully matured;" and thereupon the said party of the second part, his successor or successors, if required by fifty-one per centum in interest of said bondholders shall cause the whole of said premises to be sold at public auction, in the manner as provided in said mortgage.

And whereas, the said mortgagor, The Goshen Gas Light Company has failed to pay the interest which became due on the 1st day of January, 1897, or any part thereof, and the same has remained unpaid and in arrears for the space of more than ninety days, and the undersigned, at the written request of all the holders of said bonds has elected and hereby elects that the whole principal sum shall become due and payable immediately.

And whereas, default has been made in the payment of the amount due upon and secured to be paid by said mortgage as aforesaid, and there is now due and owing to said mortgagee, Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, upon and by virtue of said mortgage at the date of the first publication of this notice, the sum of twelve thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars, to wit: The sum of twelve thousand dollars principal and the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars for interest thereon from January 1st, 1897, and no suit, proceeding or other action at law or otherwise has been instituted to recover the said mortgage debt or any part thereof.

Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage and hereafter described, by Horatio S. Stewart, as trustee, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the Orange County Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the county of Orange, on the 23d day of February, 1898, at twelve o'clock noon of that day.

The following is a description of the mortgaged premises to be sold as aforesaid, as contained in said mortgage, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in the village of Goshen, on the westerly side of West Main street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the centre of a stone bridge in the sidewalk on the westerly side of West Main street, about one hundred and ten feet easterly of the east corner of land belonging to the heirs of James Wardrop, deceased, and running thence in an easterly direction along said line of said West Main street one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a northerly direction, and at right angles with above line one hundred and twenty-five feet to lands of N. Y., L. E. and W. Railroad; thence in a westerly direction, along line of said railroad land, one hundred and fifty feet; thence in a southerly direction one hundred and twenty feet to place of beginning, being a lot one hundred and fifty feet front and rear, and one hundred and twenty-five feet deep, be the same more or less. Being the same premises which William M. Sayer and Jane, his wife, by a certain deed, dated the 20th day of June, A. D., 1879, conveyed to the said The Goshen Gas Light Company in fee, together with all and singular the buildings, machinery, improvements, ways, streets alleys, passages, waters, water courses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto, and the reversions and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof, and also the corporate rights and franchises of the party of the first part, and all the real estate and corporate franchises, and which the said party of the first part, its successors and assigns shall or may acquire or be seized or possessed of subsequent to the date of this indenture.

Dated Nov. 27, 1897.

Mon13tFeb22 HORATIO S. STEWART, Trustee

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Jane Wickham, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at the First National Bank, in the city of Middletown, on or before the first day of February, 1898.

S. W. ROBERTSON, Executor.
J. F. BRADNER, attorney for executor.
dMon8mFeb1

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Dwight W. Berry, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at her place of residence, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated November 23d, 1897.

MARY S. BERRY, Administratrix.
S. M. BOYD, Attorney for Administratrix.
dWed6mMy24

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Hector Savage, late of the town of Mount Hope, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at his residence, in the village of Suffern, town of Ramapo, Rockland county, New York, on or before the first day of July, 1898.

Dated December 29th, 1897.

WILLIAM L. BAXTER, Administrator.
JOHN C. R. TAYLOR, Administrator's Attorney, Rooms 5 and 6 Low Building, Middletown, New York. 31dWed6mJun29'98

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Horton Yocum, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 12, '97.

GEO. H. DECKER, Executor.
dWed6mAp13

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 20.—Rain today, clearing and cooler, Friday.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 34 ; 12 m., 36° ; 3 p. m., 38°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Jan. 17-22—Alma Chester and company, at Casino
—Jan. 20—Montgomery Hunt Throop, at First Congregational Church.
—Jan. 20—Entertainment at the North Street Church.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.
—Jan. 27—Masquerade ball, 3 A B B Club, at Assembly Rooms.
—Feb. 10—Mary French Field, at the Casino. (Y. M. C. A. entertainment course.)
—Feb. 17—VanLaer, English Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—Feb. 25—Kennan, Russia, Literary Club's lecture course
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.

The Republican machine in Delaware county has demonstrated its power. Its candidate for postmaster at Hancock was William H. Hall and he had been duly endorsed and recommened by the county committee, but while the committee was waiting in serene confidence for the appointment to be made, some outside Republicans got the President's ear and induced him to appoint their candidate, Titus. Then the committee got to its feet, put in some fine work and convinced the President that the welfare and prosperity of the country depended on the turning down of Titus and allowing Hall to handle Hancock's mail. How well they did their work is shown by the fact that when a nomination for the Hancock office was sent to the Senate, last week, it bore the name of Hall.

The committees of the "old gang" and the "kickers," which have been conferring in the interest of Republican harmony, are making haste slowly. The latest proposition submitted by the "kickers,"—not to the committee but to the big bosses, is a daisy. It recites that inasmuch as the "old gang" has all the offices, elective and appointive, it is only fitting recognition of the independents (the flop-over of the recent election is cited to show their numerical strength) to give them the post office. If this is done the machine will be permitted to name the candidate for Senator, next fall, and the independents will pledge themselves to support the candidate. This looks so fair and reasonable that we are at a loss to see why it should have made the machine men so "tearing mad" and why they should cite it as proof that the "kickers" don't want harmony.

Elmira's Board of Education was recently brought face to face with the question of corporal punishment in the schools. It had not the nerve to abolish the rod as a relic of barbarism that has no place in the educational system of the closing years of the nineteenth century, for it feared that obstreperous youths, if they knew that they enjoyed immunity from physical punishment, would take advantage of the situation, and therefore, in a very canny way, the Board practically abolished the rod but still left it, a vague and shadowy spectre, which may be invoked in case of dire necessity. This has been done by providing that the parent or guardian of the pupil shall be consulted before corporal punishment can be inflicted which is equivalent to providing that no such punishment will be inflicted. The chief evil of the rod as an aid to education lies in its use in inflicting summary punishments the number and severity of which depends not so much on the unruliness of the pupil as on the irritability or anger of the teacher. The necessity of asking the parent's consent before inflicting a flogging will give even the pepperiest and most vindictitive teachers a chance to cool off and after that the pupil is safe from assault.

Turf and Horse Notes.

From the Trotter and Pacer

—Burlingame, 2:18¾, the fine son of Sable Wilkes, 2:18, owned by Mrs. John A Goldsmith, Washingtonville, N. Y., will it is said be sent to John Dickerson, at Goshen, to be trained for a lower record.

—E. H Harriman's trotting mares Goldleaf, 2.14¾, by Goldleaf, and Rival, 2, by Kremlin, are being driven to sleigh on the snow at Goshen this winter. They are said to be the crack team of Orange county.

PRISONS' COMMISSION REPORT.

Rapid Growth of the State Account System — Important Recommendations.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—The third annual report of the Prisons' Commission shows that the total number of prisoners is 13,270. The total merchandise sales of the three State prisons for the first eleven months were $194,014. During the months of August, September, October and November the sales amounted to $134,023, showing rapid progress of the State Account system.

Among the recommendations made is one evidently aimed at the Elmira Reformatory, to require the courts to fix the maximum term when sentencing to the Reformatory. Another recommendation is for a central prison for executions.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE FALL.

Favorable Report on the Bill Consolidating Them With the General Election.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—The Assembly Judiciary Committee will report favorably, to-morrow, Mr. Nixon's bill providing for town elections in November at the same time as the general election, beginning in 1899.

THE COTTON OPERATIVES' STRIKE

Not Growing in New Bedford—Strikers Holding Meetings.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 20.—The strike is not growing. The manufacturers show no signs of yielding. Mass meetings have been held here and in the upper towns.

GLADSTONE'S FAILING HEALTH.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Happily the alarming reports concerning Mr. Gladstone prove to be exaggerated, but there is grave reason for fear that the grand old man may not survive to see again his native shores. His condition causes his family great anxiety.

JAPAN BUYING WAR SHIPS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—It is reported that Japan has purchased the Brazilian cruiser Abrou, now building on the Tyne, and the Brazilian ironclade Deodaro and Floriano, constructing in France.

ENGLAND'S LOCKOUT ENDED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Executive Committee of Federated Employers has decided that all work shops may resume Monday next.

JAPANESE CRUISER LAUNCHED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 20.—The Japanese cruiser Kasagi was successfully launched here at 12.57 p. m.

HARFORD PROPERTIES SOLD.

Frank A. Mundy Bought the East Avenue and East Main Street Property.

The sale of the Harford properties at East Main street and East avenue and on Genung street, was held this afternoon.

Frank A. Mundy, of Dewey & Mundy, bought the first property, paying $2.275, in addition to a mortgage of $1,594 93 held by L. C. Purdy.

The Genung street property was mortgaged for $1,419, and it brought $100 26 in addition. It was bid in for Mr. Harford.

The referee was T. N Little, Dill & Cox plaintiff's attorneys, and P. F. Kaufman auctioneer.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

The Holding House Stable Property Bought by D. C. McMonagle.

C. Macardell has sold to D. C. McMonagle the large plot of ground on East Main street, directly opposite the Holding House, and commonly known as the Holding House stable property. The property, which includes the barber shop, horse-shoeing shop and shoemaker's shop, has a frontage of fifty feet, a depth of about 170 feet, and a rear width of nearly 150 feet It is the largest single property near the centre of town, and in many respects the most desirable one.

Received a Good Appointment.

D W Harding, son-in-law of John Wood, of this city, who has been foreman for A. P. Hall, an electrician of New York, has just been appointed electrician for the Congressional library building in Washington.

Mr Harding will remove his family from this city to Washington early in February.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy.

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PROHIBITIONISTS IN SESSION.

County Committee Meets Here and Elects Officers for 1898.

The Prohibition County Committee met at the W. C. T. U rooms, this morning. J. W. Hill was made chairman and George S. Belding secretary. The reports of County Chairman T. W. Smith and County Treasurer S. B. Young were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed that after all indebtedness had been paid $9.73 would still remain in the treasury.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

County Chairman—T. W. Smith.
County Secretary—G. S. Belding.
County Treasurer—S. B. Young.

The members of the committee present from out of town were:

Highlands—Jerry Sheldon, Rev. John Anthony, R. J. Schofield.
Montgomery—Chauncey Brooks, D. C. Brown.
Woodbury—Rev. R. L. Ross, F. H. Denning.
Blooming Grove—H. N. Green.
Cornwall—S. B. Young.

GAS COMPANY ELECTION.

The Consolidated Company May Remove the Electric Plant to the Gas Plant.

The annual election of officers of the Middletown Gas and Electric Light Company was held at the company's office, Wednesday night with this result.

Directors—Jesse W. Canfield, Charles L. Mead, G. T. Townsend, Theo. L. Reeve, Archibald Taylor, P. N. Jachson and L. C. Purdy.

President—L. C. Purdy.
Vice President—P. N. Jackson.
Secretary—T. L. Reeve.
Treasurer—G. T. Townsend.
Superintendent—W. J. Max.

It is proposed to soon remove the electric light plant to the gas company's property, on Fulton street.

The rate for lighting will be reduced 5 per cent in February.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla has a good name everywhere. It is in fact the one true blood purifier, and is popular as a general family medicine. "I take pleasure in saying that I have used Hood's Sarsaparilla as a tonic and blood purifier for years, and do not hesitate to recommend it." Mrs. Henry Mapes.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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It Will Soon Be Time to Talk LACE CURTAINS AND CURTAIN MATERIALS,

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must be sold. The prices are $6 90 and $8 90. Do you remember our advice about buying Dress Goods and Flannel Underwear?

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Have you had the benefit of the 25 per cent. reduction sale which has been going on at my store since the New Year opened, and which will continue until Feb. 1st? A great many have, and there is still a chance for you. If you are wise you will be after it. The stock is fresh, high grade and includes everything that a man or boy wears from the HAT down,

Overcoats, Suits, Underwear, Gloves, Neckwear, Shirts—

all are here, with UMBRELLAS and CANES to finish out with. These goods, which are all warranted satisfactory, were marked to sell at low prices before this reduction sale. Now you get 25 cents back from those prices on every dollar's worth you buy. Come in and look for yourselves. You will not be urged to buy.

JOHN E. ADAMS.

N. B.—If you don't find what you want in ready-made goods, the same reduction applies to our suit-to-order department, where Mr Rogers never fails on a perfect fit.

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EXAMINE THE LINES WE OFFER.

2,000 yards Fast Color Prints 3½ cents.

50 pieces Ginghams, the best (no off quality), 5 cents.

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—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—*Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.*

—Alma Chester at the Casino, to-night.

—A pension of $6 per month has been granted to William Molloy, of Minisink.

—The recent census shows that Delhi has a population of 1,883 and Hobart of 545.

—Several Orange county drovers have in Delaware county of late buying cows.

—The census of Walton, which is nearly completed, shows a population of about 3,500.

—"The Danites" will be the production by the Alma Chester Company at the Casino, to-night.

—The plays selected by Miss Chester for herself and company are excellent and are drawing good houses,

—There will be a meeting of the Merchants' Association at Justice Payne's office at 8 o'clock, to-night.

—Much interest is manifested in revival meetings which are being held in the Warwick Methodist Church.

—Two dogs trying to kill one rat drew a small crowd in the rain in front of Eagle's house, this afternoon.

—Walton Democrats have nominated Charles Herring for Supervisor. H. S. Sewell is the Republican candidate.

—The regular term examinations will be held, to-morrow, in the public schools of this city.

—A wild goose, which weighed fifteen pounds, was shot, a few days ago, by S. D. Baird on a mill pond near Warwick.

—Willow Point, one of the finest sites on Greenwood Lake, has been bought by Horace J. Arne, who will build a hotel on the property.

—The regular dance occurs at the Cottage Hotel at Mechanictown, to-night. The last car leaves for Goshen at 12:20 and for Middletown at 1 a. m.

—At town meeting, Feb. 8th, the citizens of Hancock will vote on the question of appropriating $10,000 to build a bridge over the East Branch at Harvard.

—The Berdous are already looking up a location in Franklin Delaware County for the constuction of a condensary. This is being done in anticipation of the opening of the trolley road.

—Grant Wilson, an employe of the Walton Novelty Works, was shot in the region of the stomach, Tuesday, by a flying splinter from a buzz-saw, which inflicted a painful wound.

—The stockholders in the Downsville creamery have voted to ship the season's make of butter to the Philadelphia market, better prices being obtainable there than in New York.

—A force of men is already at work rebuilding the burton factory at Deposit. The new building will be somewhat larger than the one burned and one part of it will be three stories high.

—Miss Helen Mabel Wood, who will give an entertainment in Nearing Hall, on Thursday, the 27th, possesses a really remarkable contralto voice and as a reciter has few equals on the public stage.

—The spielkartenfest, to be given in Kingston, for next month, for the benefit of the hospital, under the direction of Miss Lila A. Stewart will be the twenty-second entertainment of the kind of which Miss Stewart has had charge.

—Certain benevolent Binghamtonians opened a workingmen's club room on Jan 1st., thinking that such a resort would be a benefit to the toilers of that city. The workingmen, however, refused to go to the rooms and they were closed, Tuesday.

PERSONAL.

—Madison Decker, of the firm of Crans & Decker, is seriously ill at his home.

—D. E. Barrett, of Tarrytown, who has been visiting in this city, returned home, to-day.

—The *Gazette* notes that Aaron Samuels of this city, was in Port Jervis, yesterday.

—Wm. Harrington, of New York, was in town, yesterday, visiting relatives and friends.

—Charles Higham and George M Millspaugh went to New York city, to day, to take in the sportmen's exhibition

—A. J. Holmes, of Middletown, is in town this week making friends and acquaintances a visit.—*Downsville News.*

—Mrs. Philip Titus and children, of Middletown, have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Marvin, during the week.—*Walton Times.*

—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, of the Russell House, returned home, Wednesday, after spending two days in Port Jervis as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lyon.

—Frank A. Seagar, who sang Miles Standish in the opera "Priscilla," was in town, to-day. He is now representing the Mathusek Piano Co., of New Haven. He has terminated his business connection with A. E. Macomber.

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Testimony could be piled high in commendation of the wonderful cures wrought by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. No case stands against this great remedy where it did not relieve the most acute heart sufferings inside of thirty minutes. It attacks the disease in an instant after being taken.

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VICTORY FOR MIDDLETOWN.

The 5th Company's Team Defeated by the 24th at Wednesday's Night's Game of Base Ball at the Armory.

The game of indoor base ball between the 24th and 5th Separate Companies, at the Armory, Wednesday night, attracted a large crowd of spectators and proved to be one of the most interesting contests ever played in the Armory. The visitors were a fine looking, athletic body of men and in the preliminary practice their work was of such a high order that many of the spectators thought they would have little trouble in "wiping the floor" with the light weight players of the 24th.

They started the game with a rush, each player hitting the ball hard and a run was scored before the home team could dispose of the necessary three men.

The men of the 5th had no difficulty in retiring the 24th players in the next two innings and it looked for a while as if it might be a one-sided contest. By the aid of several glaring errors the 24th scored three runs in the third inning and from that time on managed to get a man home in nearly every inning.

In the last half of the seventh inning the score stood 7 to 3 in favor of the home team. The 5th had three men on bases, when Grogan hit the ball a mighty whack. It struck a rafter over the gallery and bounded into one of the wire cages protecting the chandeliers. Under the rules but one base was allowed when the ball fell into a net, and thus the opportunity to tie the score was lost, for but two men reached home before the side was retired. Neither side scored again, the game ending with the score standing 7 to 5.

Features of the game included "Sam" Gausman's superb base running in the third inning, when the first run was scored for the 24th; E. Grogan's high hit ball, which landed in the gallery and allowed a home run, and Gould's pretty double plays, assisted by Shafer, in the sixth and eighth innings.

There was no wrangling or kicking over the decisions of the umpires, and the crowd frequently gave vent to its appreciation of the fairness of the visiting umpire, Corporal Adam Faulkner, by hearty applause.

After the game the visitors were entertained at lunch at Rowley's restaurant.

The score:

5TH COMPANY	r	o	24TH	r	o
D. Carroll, c	1	4	Gausman, c	1	3
J. Tweed, p	2	3	Robinson, p	1	3
W. Grogan, 1b	0	3	Shafer, 1b	0	3
E. Grogan, 2b	2	2	Gould, 2b	1	4
A. Miller, ss	0	0	Thompson, ss	2	2
Littleton, 3b	0	3	R. Terhune, 3b	1	2
Delaney, lf	0	5	C Clauson	1	1
Burton, cf	0	3	G. Clauson, cf	0	5
Clark, rf	0	2	Schwartz, rf	0	4
Total	5	27	Total	7	27

SCORE BY INNINGS.

5TH	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	—5
24TH	0	0	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	—7

Umpires—Adam Faulkner and Emerson H. Rose.

OBITUARY.

Ervin A. Barrett.

Ervin A. Barrett, who learned the tailors' trade in this city about five years ago, and who lived for a time at Goshen, died in Jersey City, last week, and was buried at Warwick, Wednesday. He is survived by his widow, who was Lucy Garlinghouse, of Monroe. He was in his thirtieth year.

Harry L. Walker.

Harry L. Walker, son of T. K. Walker, proprietor of the Downs House, Downsville, died suddenly at the Meinhold House, in Hurleyville, Thursday of last week. He was twenty-five years old, and was attacked with apoplexy and died two days later.

The deceased is remembered by many in this city, having been a student in Wallkill academy for several years while his father was in the insurance and hotel business here.

Paid the $5 Fine.

Harrison Krom, a Cortland street boy, was arrested, Wednesday afternoon, on complaint of Dennis Driscoll on a charge of throwing a stone at the plaintiff, which struck and cut his head. Krom paid a fine of $5 in preference to a visit to Randall's Island.

A Drum Head Factory at Mechanictown

Through the real estate agency of Gardner & McWilliams, Wm. B. Miller has sold a building lot at Mechanictown, near the trolley road, to Frederick Rogers. Mr. Rogers will erect at once a building for the manufacture of drum heads.

Missionary Meeting Postponed.

Owing to the storm, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's M. E. Church has postponed the meeting which was to have been held, to-night, at the residence of Miss Pluma Sears, on Grove street, until to-morrow night.

Auction Prices in Delaware County.

At the recent sale of the farm property of the late Austin Campbell in the town of Colchester, Delaware county, cows averaged $28 and sheep $4 and a horse brought $40.

Hymeneal Notes.

—J. E. V. Miller and Miss Mariana, daughter of Thomas Welling, of Warwick, will be married at the home of the bride, Wednesday, Jan. 26th.

A Railroad Rumor.

It is reported in Carbondale that the Erie will connect its Jefferson Branch, which now ends in that city, with the Susquehanna and Western system.

—Mr. Throop's description of the Storming of the Bastile is the strongest portion of the story of "Jules Darboy." At First Congregational Church, to-night.

MARRIED BY THE RECORDER.

United a Couple in Hymen's Bonds With Neatness and Dispatch and Filling Solemnity—Although a Policeman Was Best Man His Honor Has Faith that the Marriage Will Be a Happy One.

Recorder Barnes united Miss Ida Brink and Patrick Murphy in wedlock's holy bonds, this morning. The wedding took place in the Common Council Chamber in the presence of a number of guests to whom Captain Veber issued invitations.

The versatile Recorder tied the nuptial knot neatly and deftly and invested the ceremony with all the solemnity befitting the binding together for life of two loving hearts. He bore himself with all the dignity of a Justice A. V. N. Powelson in his favorite role as a tier of nuptial knots and the bride not having orange blossoms on her brow, His Honor embowered the pair in the wreaths of eloquence which dropped from his silver tongue.

"Take off your hat, Ida," began His Honor. Ida did so and after getting inspiration by gazing for a moment at her Cleo de Melrode coiffure, the Recorder said:

"I want to assure you both that this ceremony is just as lasting and binding as any performed in churches or grand cathedrals, and should be as happy as any performed in the gorgeous surroundings of wealthier people. I believe that this marriage will be one complete continuation of roses and sunshine."

Ida is only about seventeen years old and she has a three-months old child. Murphy called to see her Wednesday night at her request and a blue-coat lay in wait on Wickham avenue. Murphy, who has been keeping shady since last December, did not suspect any trick. He was quietly nabbed, and he spent the night in the lockup.

This morning they were wed and "may they live long and prosper."

MCQUOIDS' SOCIAL.

Fine Affair at the Truck House Wednesday Night.

McQuoid Engine Company's social at truck house, Wednesday night, was a particularly enjoyable affair. Dancing to music by McWilliams and Bright was supplemented by songs and cards so that all had a pleasant time. Refreshments were served and at 1 o'clock the party broke up. The committee who so successfully managed the affair consisted of P. J. Reilley, T. Frank Cullinan and James Gavin.

Masons Will Attend the Funeral of S. A. Sease.

Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. and A. M., decided at its meeting, Wednesday night, to meet at the rooms at 1 o'clock, to-morrow, to receive the members of Delaware Commandery, K. T., of Port Jervis. At 2 o'clock they will attend the funeral of S. A. Sease in a body.

Will Lose the Tips of His Fingers.

William Deitz, an employe on the Erie's way freight, had the two first fingers of his right hand pinched while coupling cars near Goshen, Wednesday. He was brought to this city where Dr. Hulett dressed the wounds temporarily, and Deitz then went on to Port Jervis, where he resides.

Stranded "Gaiety Girls" in Town.

The "French Gaiety Girls" Company went hopelessly broke in Ellenville, Tuesday night, and disbanded Wednesday. Most of the girls have reached this city and hope to get to New York, but how they are to manage it they're not at all sure.

Advertising Book of Telephone Subscribers.

C. C. Stevens, who has just returned from Brockton, Mass., is about to commence securing advertisements for a new telephone book containing the latest list of subscribers to the Orange County Telephone Company.

Ontario and Western's Increased Earnings.

The Ontario and Western reports for the second week of January earnings of $67,640, an increase of $4,081 over the corresponding week last year. The earnings from July 1 are $2,280,696, an increase of $52,165 over last year.

Reopening of the Deposit M. E. Church

The Methodist Church at Deposit, which has been closed for several months while undergoing extensive repairs and alterations, will be reopened, Friday, Jan. 21. Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., of this city, has been invited to preach the reopening sermon.

Will Play the Best That Can Be Found.

Private Bannister has selected a team of basket ball experts who are not in the regular 24th team, and has challenged Capt. Dickinson to pick the strongest team he can get and play against him and his men.

Excelsiors' Social.

Excelsiors hold their third social at the Assembly Rooms, Friday evening, Jan. 21. A large attendance of the members and their guests is anticipated. Whist playing will begin at 8:30.

Mayor Mance Continues Indisposed.

Mayor Mance is still confined to his home and will remain there for several days yet. He receives many calls and serves tea to his callers.

—Montgomery Hunt Throop's entertainment gave such good satisfaction in one of our neighboring cities in December that he has been recalled to give "Jules Darboy" next month. At First Congregational Church, to-night.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

The Young Ladies' Sodality Hop a Grand Success—K. of P. Election.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—One of the pleasant social hops given here in a long time was the dance of the Young Ladies' Sodality of St. John's Church at St. John's Hall, Wednesday night. The grand march started at nine o'clock. Wilson's orchestra furnished the music. Between eighty and ninety couples were present, among them representatives from nearly all the surrounding towns and hamlets and from more distant points. Supper was served during the evening. The committee conducting the affair was composed of the following young ladies: Misses Annie Nolan, Maria Franklin, Nellie Jordan, Katherine Landy, Mary Kenny.

—King Arthur Lodge, K. of P., elected officers at its monthly meeting, last night, as follows:

C. C.—J. B. Swezey.
N. C.—W. N. Hoffman.
Prelate—T. E. Grier.
M. of W.—James L. Duryea.
K. of R and S.—and M. of F.—Thos. W. Lewis.
M. of E.—Geo. H. Millspaugh.
M. at A.—Harry H. McClennan.
Trustee, three years—W. O. Sayer.
Rep.—E. R. Varcoe.
Alt.—T. E. Grier.

These officers will be installed at a special meeting during the first week in February, by District Deputy John E. Corwin, of Middletown.

HYMENEAL.

Knight—Austin.

The wedding of Rev. F. H. Knight, of Paterson, and Miss Etta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Austin, occurred at the home of the bride's parents, No. 92 Academy avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

The bride was attired in a gown of dark green broadcloth, trimmed with sable. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. John Krantz, Jr., presiding elder of the Paterson district of the Newark Conference, was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom, who were unattended. After the ceremony a wedding repast was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight left on train 8 that evening, for a wedding tour of about a week. They will visit Philadelphia, Washington and other points of interest.

The groom is a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary, and for three years has been pastor of the Simpson M. E. Church, Paterson, N. J. The bride removed to this city with her parents from Unionville in April last, and during her short residence here has made numerous friends. She is a music teacher and elocutionist, and has on several occasions delighted Middletown audiences with her readings.

On returning from their wedding trip Mr and Mrs. Knight will reside in Paterson.

WILL BUILD HALF WAY.

Port Jervis Telephone Co. Wants a Connection With the Orange County System.

The Port Jervis Telephone Company, which is just getting its system in working order, has made a proposition to the Orange County Telephone Co., of this city, looking to the connection of the two systems. The Port Jervis company offers to build the line to Otisvalle, if the Orange County company will build to this city. The directors of the Middletown company will consider the matter at their next meeting.

Taken to a Newburgh Hospital.

Harry Pierson, of this city, who fell from a creamery wagon at Little Britain, ten days ago, and sustained a bad fracture of the leg, was removed to St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, at his own request, Wednesday evening. At the hospital it was said that the patient was resting comfortably.

Lease of Newburgh's Fine Hotel.

F. N. Bain & Co. have renewed their lease of the Palatine Hotel, Newburgh, for five years. They are to pay $6,000 a year for two years and $6,500 for the next three years. It is said that the Messrs. Bain have made money since they took charge of the hotel.

Catarrh, like scrofula, is a disease of the blood and may be cured by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Newburgh is Behind the Age.

From the Newburgh Register.

Middletown firemen have long used smoke protectors at fires, and Chief Higham is now trying a new one. Newburgh firemen have no smoke protectors and suffer accordingly. A wide awake, interested board of commissioners would grant them all such necessities. Smoke protectors were sadly needed at the Tishman fire.

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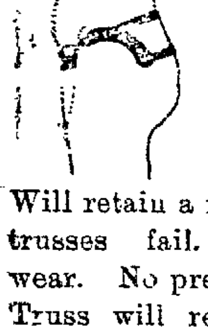

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DATES OF EXAMINATIONS FOR 1898.

Otisville, N. Y., November 1, 1897.

Examinations under the uniform system for 1898, will begin on the days named below and continue for two days except those for training class certificates, which will continue for three days.

FIRST GRADE.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen
August 11th and 12th at Middletown.

TRAINING CLASSES.

January 19th, 20th and 21st at Port Jervis.
June 8th 9th and 10th at Port Jervis

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

January 13th and 14th, at Port Jervis
March 10th and 11th, at Goshen
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville.
August 11th and 12th at Middletown.
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick

KINDERGARTEN.

January 19th and 20th, at Port Jervis
June 8th and 9th, at Port Jervis

DRAWING.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen.
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

NORMAL ENTRANCE.

Second Thursday of January, 13th, at Port Jervis.
Fourth Friday of May, 27th, at Otisville.
Second Thursday of August, 11th, at Middletown.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Examinations will be held from 9:15 a. m. to 12:30 m. and from 1:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

No bags, books nor pamphlets will be allowed in the room where the examination is held, and all paper to be used by candidates will be furnished by the Commissioner. Any one detected in copying, using notes, or in any way trying to obtain a certificate dishonestly, will be prohibited from attending future examinations.

Candidates residing in the Second Commissioner District of Orange county wishing to take the uniform examination in another county, must first obtain the written consent of the Commissioner of this district.

Extracts from State Regulations—Experience—Candidates must have taught successfully for a period of not less than ten weeks, and are not eligible to enter an examination without having had such experience, except for third grade.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for State Scholarships in Cornell University will be held at the Public School, Goshen, upon Saturday, June 4th, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM P. KAUFMANN, School Commissioner, 2d District, Orange county.

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CLEVELAND AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Bryan and Conger Appointments Confirmed—Spirited Discussion In House Regarding Cuba—The President Makes More Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate by the introduction of a resolution by Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts providing for an inquiry by the committee on postoffices and postroads concerning the recent order of the postmaster general reducing the force of letter carriers in several cities of the country. Mr. Hoar declared that the order had had the effect of a dynamite bomb in creating consternation among business men throughout the country, while apparently all that was needed by the postoffice department was an appropriation of $150,000 fully to maintain the efficiency of the carrier service.

The debate took a wide range, Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the committee on postoffices and postroads, insisting that many New England people represented by the senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Hoar) were responsible for the deficiency in the funds of the postoffice department, because they insisted that the government should carry second class mail at an enormous loss, and Mr. Allen of Nebraska charging that the government was annually defrauded out of millions of dollars through the underweighing of mail matter. The resolution in a modified form is still pending.

Senator Morgan continued his speech in advocacy of the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty in the executive session of the senate. He announced at the conclusion of the session that he probably would require one more day in which to complete his presentation of the subject.

Senator Morgan dealt with the questions of the agricultural and commercial possibilities of the islands, with the character of the present government and with the position of the residents of the islands on the subject of annexation. He repeated his assertion that President Cleveland was favorable to the acquisition of the islands and again expressed the opinion that it was his intention to have restored Queen Liliuokalani and to have negotiated with her a treaty of annexation. He believed that Mr. Cleveland would never have taken so positive a position as he did take against the Dole government and in opposition to annexation but for the antagonistic and misleading report of Commissioner Blount.

The senate confirmed these nominations among others: Charles Page Bryan to be minister to Brazil and E. H. Conger of Iowa to be minister to China.

The president sent in the following nominations:

To be Consuls—Oscar Durante of Illinois, at Catania, Italy; Marcus R. Sulzer of Indiana, at Liege, Belgium; Henry M. Hunt of Illinois, at Antigua, West Indies.

Postmasters—New York: Emmett H. Bemus, Jamestown; Frank W. James, Naples. Pennsylvania: Daniel W. Bedea, Shenandoah; Charles F. Humrich, Carlisle; W. H. Baker, Ridgeway. William Kerr Galbraith, Canonsburg; Solomon S. Ketcham, Overbrook. New Jersey: Charles Burrows, Rutherford.

Warm Debate Over Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—All day long the question of granting belligerent rights to the Cuban insurgents was argued in the house; but, as on the day before, the minority hurled itself against a stone wall. On the only vote taken—a motion designed to overrule the decision of the speaker and direct the committee on foreign affairs to report without further delay the Cuban resolution passed by the senate at the last session—the Republicans stood solid and voted to sustain the chair.

The galleries were packed to the doors and there was considerable excitement throughout the early part of the session when the members of the minority were successively pressing all sorts of amendments bearing on the Cuban question for the purpose of embarrassing the majority. During the debate Chairman Hitt of the foreign affairs committee made an impressive speech of less than an hour, explaining at length the situation which made action by congress inadvisable. He spoke with impassioned words of the president's sympathy with the struggle for Cuban independence and the achievements of the present administration.

The release of American prisoners in Cuba, the recall of Weyler, the abandonment of the policy of concentration and the autonomy scheme he attributed to the firm attitude of the president and contrasted these results with the inaction of the last administration. He averred that belligerent rights could not aid the insurgent cause, and perhaps the most dramatic portion of his speech came when he declared that the insurgents only wished for belligerent rights in the hope and belief that this country would be embroiled in a war with Spain, which would give them their freedom without triumph. He asserted that the president must assume the responsibility of any action which might eventuate in war and appealed to both sides of the chamber to patriotically support the executive if a crisis shall come.

Mr. Dinsmore of Arkansas, a leading member of the committee on foreign affairs, replied to him, and Messrs. Adams (Rep., Pa.), chairman of the Cuban subcommittee of the same committee; Berry (Dem., Ky.) and Wheeler (Dem., Ky.) also addressed the house during the general debate.

Thanks For Immigration Bill.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—The executive council of the Massachusetts state board of trade met at the Parker House for the monthly conference. A telegram was sent to Senator Lodge at Washington expressing congratulations and thanks for the senate's action on the immigration bill. The subject of having the products of Massachusetts industries properly represented at the Paris exposition of 1900 was discussed, and action looking to that end was taken.

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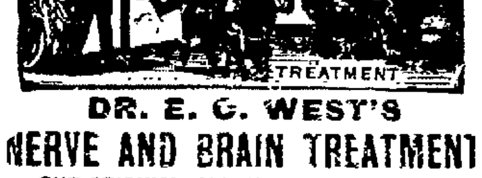

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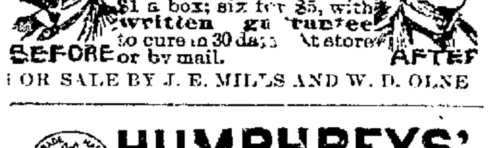

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RAILROAD CONTROL.

President Ripley Replies to Editor of Populist Paper.

OPPOSES GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Claims Private Management More Economical—Also Urges Political Reasons—Districts Opposed to Party In Power Would Suffer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—President Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe has written a letter to the editor of a Kansas Populist paper replying to a communication published in that paper citing the number of people killed by the railroads of the United States as a reason why the railroads should be put under government control. Mr. Ripley points out that the railways carry the whole population of the state of Kansas two and a half times over before one passenger is killed; that last year the trains on the railways in Kansas ran over 800,000 miles, yet only one employee's life was sacrificed for every 431,000 miles. Of 4,406 others killed in the United States in 1896, the reports show that 3,811 were trespassers—that is to say, out of every 22 persons killed 19 were killed because they were breaking the law.

Coming to the question of ownership, he says that to himself and other railroad officers it is a matter of entire indifference. Next comes the question whether or not the owners of railroads are opposed to government ownership, and he points out that the strongest plea made in behalf of government ownership is that of T. B. Blackstone, president of the Chicago and Alton, who urged it as a matter of justice to the railway investors. There is no holder of railway securities, according to Mr. Blackstone, who does not believe that those securities would be advanced in value if there was any prospect of the government buying them.

Mr. Ripley says if he is opposed to government ownership it is not as a railway man, but as a citizen. It is easy to talk, he says, of the government giving better service, employing more men, lowering rates and still making money.

"As a matter of fact," he says, "government management of anything never was, never can be, as economical as private management, and to earn the interest on its investment ($6,000,000,000 to $15,000,000,000) the government would have to increase rates for service, as has been done on the government owned lines of Australia; cheapen the service, employ fewer men and let things generally get into disrepair, as done on the government owned lines of Italy, or face an annual deficit and rely on taxation to make up the deficit, as done on the government owned lines in India."

The most serious considerations are, however, Mr. Ripley says, political ones. There are 850,000 railway employees in the United States. Under government ownership each of these would be a political appointee. This, he says, would not only lower the character of the service, but "would be appalling in the tremendous political supremacy which those 850,000 employees would give to the party in power."

"Worse still," he continues, "would be the political results of the contracts for the construction of new lines, etc. The scandals and jobbery of river and harbor appropriations or of the tariff legislation would be nothing compared to the field which would be open to the spoilsmen by the railways. The building of new lines would depend entirely on political 'pull.' Districts or states of a political complexion opposed to that of the party in power would have to wait till the crack of doom for any new lines, and in districts where the friends of the administration came from there would be lines as thick as stripes on a cat's back."

Express Agent Cruelly Beaten.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Jan. 20.—A daring robbery was perpetrated here just before 9 o'clock last night. An unknown man entered the office of the American Express company, in the heart of the city, assaulted Agent Benjamin F. Oliver with a heavy iron water pipe, knocking him senseless, and then robbed Oliver of $600 which he had done up in packages to send away on the 9:17 east bound train. The thief made his escape. Oliver was alone in the building at the time and was found by his son Benjamin lying on the floor. It is feared that his skull is fractured.

Double Murder In New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 20.—Edward A. Duff, aged about 40, shot and killed his wife Nellie and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Maher, at their home, 45 Greene street, shortly before 6 o'clock last night. The affair came near being a triple tragedy, as James Reilley, a boarder, was fired at, but the bullet just grazed his neck. The murder was probably the outcome of marital troubles. Mr. and Mrs. Duff had been married for about 14 years, but for the past two years had not lived together. He was arrested.

The Latin Quarter Noisy.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—A demonstration, in which 1,000 students took part, occurred last evening before the Pantheon. The students shouted against Zola and the Hebrews. They were driven away by the police, who split them up into noisy groups. The latter then began parading various parts of the Latin quarter, where there was much excitement.

A slight anti-Jewish manifestation took place at Toulouse, and there have been more demonstrations at Marseilles, Nantes and Rouen, where there were several arrests.

Riot at Luetgert Trial.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—Anxiety to hear the closing proceedings in the trial of Adolph L. Luetgert for the murder of his wife resulted in a free fight in and around Judge Gary's courtroom yesterday, in which the two bailiffs standing guard at the door were badly mauled and several spectators vigorously clubbed. The rush, it is said, was caused by a rumor that Luetgert was to go on the stand.

Pennsylvania Triplets.

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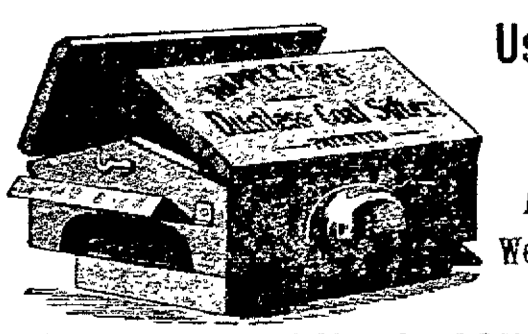

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Dumley—And how many years have you been married?

Chumley—Twenty.

Dumley—Good! Then she is just thirty-one!—N. Y. Evening Journal.

Just the Proper Article.

Mr. Lodgeleigh (across the boarding-house table)—Will you kindly pass the can-opener, Mrs. Skinner?

Mrs. Skinner (severely)—Do I understand you rightly, Mr. Lodgeleigh—the can-opener?

Mr Lodgeleigh (suavely)—You do, madam. I wish to open this pie.—Judge.

A Peculiar Case.

Mrs. Williams—Oh, Mortimer, I do not know what is the matter with Willie!

Mr. Williams—Is he sick this morning?

Mrs. Williams (perplexed)—Well, he has the stomach ache and yet this is Saturday, and there isn't any school.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Good Looks and Economy.

Lover—You are getting prettier every day.

Sweet Girl—Just now I am living on brown bread and water to improve my complexion.

"How long can you keep that up?"

"O, indefinitely."

"Then let's get married."—Odds and Ends.

Not at Home to Him Now.

She (arrayed for the theater)—Sorry to have kept you waiting so long, Mr. Spoonamore, but it has taken me longer than usual to get ready. I look like a fright in this hat, too.

He (vaguely desirous of saying something complimentary)—It isn't the—er—fault of that lovely hat. I am sure, Miss Hankinson.—Chicago Tribune.

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He (just rejected)—Oh, Miss Coyne—Maud! You did—you most certainly did encourage me! You told me you had $10,000 a year in your own right.—Tit-Bits.

An Unintentional Pun.

Smith—What are you and Scissors, the barber, mad about?

Smythe—Oh, he's too blamed sensitive. I referred to his small son as an unusually bright little shaver, and he said he didn't care to talk shop.—N. Y Journal.

Accomplice.

"A stolen kiss is sweetest."
Quoth I. "Ah, yes?" quoth she—
"Of course, there's no objection
To an accessory?"

THE MALE FLIRT.

"Do you know him, Katie?"

"Yes! And the idea of his flirting like that when he knows I know he's engaged."—N. Y. World.

The Fitness of Things.

He used to call her "duckie dear,"
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"My wife made an awful fuss last night because I was out so late."

"Why, it wasn't unusual, was it?"

"Oh, no. But she happened to be in when I got home."—Brooklyn Life.

Mean Insinuation.

He—I'd have you know my wife took a prize in a beauty show once!

She—Indeed! I didn't know they had a consolation prize in such exhibitions!—Yonkers Statesman.

He Was a Man of Worth.

Perry Patettic—What was the most you ever was worth?

Wayworn Watson—Lemme see! I think the biggest reward ever offered for me was $50.—Odds and Ends.

Natural Solicitude.

Maiden Aunt—Come, now, Gertie! run off and take your beauty-sleep.

Gertie—O, Auntie! hadn't you better come, too?—Puck.

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25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. d&w

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children

The fac-simile signature of [signature] is on every wrapper.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says. "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

A Giant Nerve Builder.

The Mystice Life Renewer is the most powerful nerve builder known. It absolutely cures all forms of nervous diseases and weakness no matter how aggravated or of how long duration, such as neuralgia, nervous prostration, nervous paroxysms, St. Vitus's dance, palpitation of the heart, physical and mental weakness, debility of old age etc. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggists, Middletown.

A Sensible Man

Would use Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs. It is curing more cases of coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, croup and all throat and lung troubles, than any other medicine. The proprietor has authorized any druggist to give you a sample bottle free to convince you of the merit of this great remedy. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.

L. Wagner, wholesale druggist, Richmond, Va., says: "I had a fearful attack of sciatic rheumatism, was laid up almost two months; was fortunate enough to get Mystic Cure For Rheumatism. This cured me after doctors' prescriptions had failed to have any effect. I have also heard of fine results from others who have used it." J. E. Mills, Druggist, No. 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown, N. Y.

Stop drugging yourself with quack nostrums or "cures." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggist will supply 10c trial size or 50c. full size. We mail it.

Ely Bros., 56 Warren St. N. Y. City.

Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely Cream Balm to me I can emphasize his statement. "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed." — Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Presbyterian Church, Helena, Mont.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin to-day to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets,—beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY.

Time Table in Effect Dec. 12th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	1 * Milk	1 Ont'l Day Exp		27 Local	7 Sullivan Co Exp		5 * Chicago Lmt
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M			P M		P M
Franklin St	3 20	7 40			3 00		5 45
W. 42d St.	3 35	7 55			3 15		6 15
Weehawken	4 00	8 10			3 30		6 30
Cornwall	6 10	9 45			5 00		7 50
Firthcliffe	f6 22	f9 53			5 08		
Orr's Mills	f6 25	9 55			f5 10		
Little Brit'n	6 40	f10 5			f5 23		
Burnside	6 56	f10 16			f5 24		
Campb'll H	7 07	10 22			5 40		8 19
Stony Ford	7 15	f10 27			f5 47		
M'town Main St.	7 38	10 43			5 58		
M'town ar	7 40	10 45			6 00		8 35
M'town lv	8 45	*10 55			*6 15		*8 45
Winterton	9 10	f11 09			6 31		
Bloom'gb'gh	9 21	11 15			6 37		
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19			6 40		
Summitville	9 38	11 30			6 50		
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50			7 10		
Fallsburgh	10 32	12 05			7 20		
Hurleyville	10 53	12 12			7 27		
Ferndale	11 15	m12 22			7 38		
Liberty	11 30	12 29			7 44		9 50
Parksville	11 45	12 40			7 55		
L'v'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 53			8 08		10 13
Rockland	12 17	1 08			8 20	13	
Cadosia	1 20	2 00				A M	10 59
Walton	2 10	2 45		12 45		8 05	11 33
Maywood		3 14		2 10		8 28	
Sidney		3 40	41	2 10		9 02	12 15
N'rwich ar		4 30	A M	5 30		9 50	12 58
N'rwich lv		4 35	7 30	P M		9 54	1 03
Castle		6 06	9 10			A M	2 12
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15				2 17
Oneida lv		6 15	9 20				
Fulton		7 57	10 55				n3 31
Oswego ar		8 20	11 20				3 50
	P M	P M	A M		P M		A M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New Y'rk Exp	12 *	50 Local	14 Delhi Ex	2 N Y Day Exp	42 Norwich Exp
	A M	P M	A M		A M	P M
Oswego lv	11 20		7 15		6 45	2 55
Oneida ar			12 22		8 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 56		1 0		8 50	5 20
Castle			1 15	P M	8 53	5 27
Norwich ar	2 09		6 15	5 47	10 37	7 15
Norwich lv	2 14		P M	6 52	10 42	P M
Sidney	3 05			7 50	11 40	
Maywood				8 08	11 57	
Walton	3 50	12 15	A M	8 40	*12 37	
Cadosia	4 21	1 30	8	p m	1 20	
Rockland		2 38	6 00		2 10	
L'v'gst'n M'r	5 07	3 00	6 14		2 25	
Parksville		3 16	6 25		2 37	
Liberty	5 25	3 35	6 36		2 51	
Ferndale		3 41	6 41		n2 56	
Hurleyville		4 04	6 50		3 06	
Fallsburgh		4 19	6 57		3 14	
Centreville		4 40	7 04		n3 20	
Mount'n D.		4 50	7 10		n3 25	
Summitville		5 10	7 26		3 45	
Wurtsboro		5 20	7 33		f3 52	
Bloom'g'bgh		5 28	7 38		3 57	
Winterton		5 34	f7 43		n4 02	
M'town ar	6 33	5 55	8 01		4 21	
M'town lv	6 43	6 20	*8 10		*4 30	
M'town Main St.		6 29	8 2		4 32	
Stony Ford		6 59	f8 25		f4 46	
Campb'll H.		7 05	8 31		4 52	
Burnside		7 22	f8 35		f4 57	
Little Brit'n		7 38	f8 46		f5 08	
Orr's Mills		8 06	f8 53		f5 19	
Firthcliffe		8 10	8 55		f5 21	
Cornwall	7 23	8 20	9 02		5 28	
Weehawken	8 47	10 50	10 30		7 00	
New York W. 42d St.	9 00	11 00	10 40		7 10	
N. Y. Fklin St ar	9 15	11 30	10 55		7 25	
	P M	p m	A M		P M	

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 2 05 p m. for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 0 35 a. m. for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a m., 3 50 6 0 p m

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m., 3 10 and 5 30 p. m

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a m, and 5 0 p. m. Sunday only 3 15 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a. m., 2 45 and 8 45 p m Sunday only 9 15 a. m., and 2 15 p m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a m, *3 45 and 7 5 p m Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7 40 and *10 02 a. m., and 2 0 p m

For further particulars see local card.

Lowest rates of fare to all points west One to three dollars less than other lines

Express Trains Nos 5 and 6 run solid between New York and Suspension Bridge. Reclining Chair Car from New York to Chicago. Change free to through passengers, and Pullman Sleeping Car without change from New York to Suspension Bridge

No. 5 arrives at Chicago 9 3 p. m.

No. 6 leaves Chicago via Wabash R R, 3 07 p.m.

Secure rates via Ontario & Western before purchasing tickets and save money. Day and Night Express to the West.

J. C. Anderson, General Passenger Agent.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov. 29th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d Sts	8 10	.....	3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	.....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	.....	4 25
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 46
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 54
Deckertown	11 28	3 40	7 03
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 47

SOUTH

	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	6 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27	5 16
Johnson	6 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	6 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	6 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	7 06	8 07	5 43
Deckertown	7 14	8 30	5 51
Hamburg	7 22	8 46	6 00
Franklin Junction	f7 27	.....	.....
Franklin	7 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	7 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03	.....	7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries— Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 36
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 20

f—Stop on signal.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2, Times Building, corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

E. M. HAMILTON Collector.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 16th, 1897.

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BLOOD POISON

HAVE YOU Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-Colored Spots, Aches, Old Sores, Ulcers in mouth, Hair Falling? Write COOK REMEDY CO., 339 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., for proofs of cures. Capital $500,000. Worst cases cured in 15 to 35 days. 100-page book free.

ERIE RAILROAD

Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.

Train		Leave NEW YORK Arrive	Paterson	Turners	Monroe	Greycourt	Chester	Goshen	Middletown	Howells	Otisville	Port Jervis	Ar. East Time. Lv.	CHICAGO	Ar. Cent. Time. Lv.
S. Spe 617	P. M.	‡ 7:30	8:28	9:44	9:50	10:01	10:04	10:18	10:29	f10:38	f10:47	‡11:10	P. M.	.....	
S. Spe 625	P. M.	‡12:30	1:13	2:23	2:28	2:40	2:43	2:51	3:08	3:17	3:28	‡ 3:50	P. M.	.....	
S. Spe 601	A. M.	‡ 7:45	8:38	9:53	9:58	10:11	10:14	10:22	10:38	10:46	10:56	‡11:20	A. M.	.....	
3	P. M.	* 8:45	f 9:35	10:32	.....	.....	.....	10:55	11:12	.....	.....	*11:55	A. M.	* 8:00	A. M.
7	P. M.	* 7:30	.....	9:00	.....	.....	.....	9:21	9:34	.....	.....	*10:10	P. M.	.....	
29	P. M.	‡ 6:30	7:20	8:35	8:40	8:49	8:52	9:00	9:13	f 9:21	f 9:30	‡ 9:50	P. M.	.....	
25	P. M.	‡ 5:30	6:08	7:22	7:27	7:39	7:42	7:49	‡ 8:05	.....	.....	.....	P. M.	.....	
15	P. M.	‡ 4:30	5:10	5:58	6:04	6:16	6:19	6:28	6:46	6:56	7:06	‡ 7:30	P. M.	.....	
27	P. M.	‡ 3:30	4:10	5:02	5:07	5:17	.....	5:26	5:42	.....	6:00	‡ 6:22	P. M.	.....	
5	P. M.	* 2:00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	b4:16	.....	.....	.....	P. M.	* 5:00	P. M.
33	P. M.	‡ 1:00	1:44	2:52	2:58	3:10	3:13	3:22	3:40	3:50	4:00	‡ 4:22	P. M.	.....	
11	A. M.	‡10:30	11:14	12:19	12:25	12:37	12:40	12:48	1:04	1:12	1:21	‡ 1:42	P. M.	.....	
9	A. M.	‡ 9:15	9:57	10:49	.....	11:01	.....	11:12	11:25	.....	.....	‡12:05	P. M.	.....	
1	A. M.	* 9:00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	b10:56	.....	.....	.....	A. M.	.....	
21	A. M.	‡ 7:45	8:33	9:52	9:57	10:08	10:11	10:19	10:36	10:44	10:54	‡11:15	A. M.	.....	
17	A. M.	* 4:00	4:45	.....	.....	6:03	.....	6:22	6:47	7:02	7:21	* 7:55	A. M.	.....	
12	A. M.	* 7:07	6:17	5:28	.....	.....	.....	5:00	4:49	.....	.....	* 4:10	A. M.	* 9:20	P. M.
10	A. M.	* 8:00	.....	6:38	.....	.....	.....	.....	6:01	.....	.....	* 5:20	A. M.	.....	
26	A. M.	‡ 8:52	8:14	7:18	7:11	7:01	6:58	6:45	‡ 6:30	.....	.....	.....	A. M.	.....	
16	A. M.	‡ 9:22	8:45	7:57	7:50	7:40	7:33	7:25	7:10	7:02	6:54	‡ 6:30	A. M.	.....	
28	A. M.	‡10:37	10:00	9:08	8:58	8:48	8:44	8:37	8:23	8:15	8:08	‡ 7:45	A. M.	.....	
38	P. M.	‡12:57	12:12	11:25	.....	11:08	.....	10:58	10:48	.....	.....	‡10:11	A. M.	.....	
6	P. M.	* 3:35	2:52	1:42	1:34	1:22	1:18	1:10	12:55	12:47	12:39	*12:15	P. M.	.....	
30	P. M.	‡ 6:42	6:03	4:55	4:46	4:35	4:31	4:25	4:10	4:01	3:54	‡ 3:30	P. M.	.....	
2	P. M.	* 6:57	6:20	5:36	.....	.....	.....	5:11	5:00	.....	.....	* 4:25	P. M.	.....	
8	P. M.	* 7:52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:55	.....	.....	* 5:20	P. M.	* 3:00	P. M.
22	P. M.	‡ 9:52	9:08	8:08	8:03	7:54	7:50	7:43	7:26	7:16	7:10	‡ 6:45	P. M.	.....	
14	A. M.	*12:52	12:15	11:20	.....	.....	.....	10:51	10:40	.....	.....	*10:00	P. M.	.....	
S. Spe 606	A. M.	‡11:07	10:20	9:07	9:00	8:49	8:45	8:37	8:23	8:15	8:08	‡ 7:45	A. M.	.....	
S. Spe 620	P. M.	‡ 7:52	7:06	5:54	5:45	5:32	5:29	5:21	5:08	5:00	4:53	‡ 4:30	P. M.	.....	
Sun 18	P. M.	‡	9:28	8:32	8:15	8:00	7:40	7:27	6:55	6:35	6:20	‡ 5:35	P. M.	.....	

*Daily. ‡Sundays only. †Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., Sundays only, and 6:55 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. and 5:28 p. m., daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only. Leave Goshen for Deckertown 8:45 a. m. and 6:35 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:53 a. m., daily except Sunday; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:23 and 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:37 p. m., Sunday only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

MIDDLETOWN ROOFING COMPANY,

Dealers in Gravel, Asphalt and Pitch Roofing. We handle first-class roof paints—Metallic, Rubber and Asphaltum Paints. Mending and repairing of roofs a specialty. Also tin, iron and shingle roofing.

T. SLACK, Manager. 14 Ogden street, 147 North street.

NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The ladies' basket ball club is attracting considerable interest among the athletic young women of this city. The popular favor with which the bicycle has been received here, makes certain that the basket ball club will not lack for members.

The game is a healthy one and one well adapted to the young ladies of the day. It can be made just as hard exercise as the player desires to make it.

The fact that A. C. N. Thompson has been chosen to teach the club the mysteries of the game has resulted in the casting of many jealous eyes toward him by other members of the 24th, who are pastmasters in the game.

The full election law makes it hard for successful canidates for the Common Council. This getting elected an alderman in November and being pestered until March by twenty-six canidates for city clerk, thirty- two for street commissioner, and one hundred and ninety-two for policeman, with Howells and Hampton still to be heard from, is too much of a good thing. That is the reason why it is said recent caucuses have settled at this early date some of the appointments to be made next March.

A well known hotel clerk of this city, who was formerly engaged as a farmer, states that when the price of milk was low he was unable to pay for feeding his cows the usual fare, as it cost more than the milk brought, hence he considered it economy to feed them on the milk they gave. No commission has been placed on him as yet.

This has been a thoroughly disagreeable day—you probably have written that in your dairy if you keep one, and if you haven't performed the perfunctory duty yet you can clip this out and paste it in.

Some time during Wednesday night it began to rain a snow, and after the walks had been covered two inches it began to snow a rain. The natural result was three inches of slush for those who had to go to business. This condition of annoyance has continued all day and the steady fall of rain made pedestrianism a thorough trial. The popular expression of the day has been: "Don't you know enough to go in when it rains?"

This may appear to be of little consequence as a subject for pen work, but you forget our large circulation in the middle, southern and western states, where our readers are anxious to know all about what occurs in Middletown. "Al" Bull will pick up his paper in St. Augustine, day after to-morrow, and as he fans away the flies he will say: "The weather was very disagreeable in Middletown," and Manager Corey, who reads it, to-day, will say:

"This is awful weather. Next week I'll be down where 'Al' Bull is, where the snow flies are mosquitoes."

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

To Be Presented at the First Congregational Church To-night.

The programme for the entertainment to be given at the First Congregational church, to-night by Montgomery Hunt Throop, assisted by the Cosmopolitan Ladies Quartette, will be as follows:

Quartette—"My Pretty Jane".....Henry Bishop
Illustrative Quartette—"Swanee Ribber"
"Jules Darboy"
ACT I.
Versailles
Contralto Solo, banjo accompaniment
Miss Helen Hart
"Jules Darboy"
ACT II.
Storming of the Bastile.
Duet—"Petit Noel"
Misses Humphrey and Van Steinberg.
"Jules Darboy"
ACT III.
Jules with Napoleon.
Illustrated Quartette—"On the Banks of the Wabash"
Quartette—"I se Going Back to Dixie"
Solo—"Four Leaf Clover"
Miss Mignon Logee
Edison's Projecting Kinetescope—The Wonderful Moving Pictures.

A BOY FLY CASTER

A Fourteen Year Old Lad Who Has Equalled the Records of the Most Expert Fishermen.

Eddie J. Mills, a fourteen year-old New York boy, at the recent fly-casting contest in Madison Square Garden, made a cast of seventy-four feet, six inches. The boy learned to cast at Central Valley, this county, two years ago. The boy's wonderful achievement with the rod will be understood when it is known that Seth Green in his prime was never able to cast more than seventy-four feet under similar conditions and that Reuben Wood who succeeded him as the most expert caster of his time was never able to get a greater range than between seventy-three and seventy-five feet.

PHOENIX'S NEXT FOREMAN.

A Hot Struggle for the Place Now On In This Old Company.

The members of Phoenix Engine Company, No. 4, are getting about as much fun out of the coming election of officers as any of the other companies. The principal fight is on the foremanship, now held by Fred Cordier, who declines re-election, Clem Atkins and J. B. Wheeler are in the field, and Mark Hanna is not a marker with those fellows, when it comes to good political work.

They are making the stiffest kind of personal canvas, and the other companies are looking on at the fight with interest.

One Result of Raising Peaches.

From the Sussex Register.

A new bank, the stockholders being farmers, hopes to obtain a charter and go into operations in Washington, Warren county, on April 1. The capital will be $25,000.

WOMEN BUYERS.

They Draw Large Salaries for Purchasing Goods for Leading Stores.

According to the Cincinnati Enquirer a prominent woman drummer says: "There are at least 50 per cent. more women buyers in the trade now than there were six years ago." It is now estimated that there are 900 women buyers in the United States. From the time that women first entered the stores at all, even as saleswomen, their taste and intuition for style, their ability to select, were noticed. The only thing that held them back from the highest position and that holds them back now in some houses was the fear that they could not be relied on to make judicious investments.

A woman buyer who purchases a fine line of goods, for example, ladies' tailor-made suits or misses' jackets, receives a salary of from $6,000 to $8,000 a year. If she thoroughly understands her business she turns her stock money over two or three times within a year. She buys from $300,000 to $500,000 worth of goods per annum. Such a buyer will have been in the business certainly ten years or more and have familiarized herself with every detail. If a woman is uncommonly bright she may learn the business of a "buyer" in three years. But she has to understand her line of custom from A to Z, and know exactly how much she can afford to pay apiece for such goods in order to sell them at a reasonable profit. She must know the wholesale price for the velvet, silk or fur that trims the garment; also, the price of the cloth it is made of, the cost of the making, and the profit to allow the manufacturer.

BOOTBLACKING IN LONDON.

Improvements to Be Made in Deference to American Visitors.

The force of American demand is being once more exemplified in London by the placing at all important railway stations of chairs in connection with the bootblack brigade. This work, says the London News, is undertaken by the Central Shoeblack society. There is already such accommodation provided at the viaduct station. It appears that the American gentlemen visiting London express surprise that they are expected to stand while they have their boots blacked, as they are accustomed to sit during the operation when at home. The new chair stands will shortly be seen at Ludgate and Charing Cross stations, and at the stock exchange.

The society has 60 boys, who are lodged, taught and partially boarded on the premises of the institution, and there is an ingenious allotment of their earnings into three parts after an allowance for food required out of doors, one-third being their own, another third the society's, and the remaning third going to their banking account, on which they can draw for special purposes.

The Shah's Sword.

The shah of Persia never drew a sword in war, and probably never will, but he is having a magnificent imperial blade manufactured for him, and at Sheffield, too, for English craft in steel leads any Asiatic skill of this degenerate day, except only that of Japan. The blade of the shah's sword is scimeter-shaped, double edged, inlaid with gold; its scabbard will be of royal scarlet Persian leather, with mountings in gold filigree, and an ivory hilt, inlaid with gold arabesques and inscriptions, while its cross-bar is studded with precious stones.

The Prolific Banana.

The banana is the most prolific of fruits. The produce of one acre planted with bananas will support 25 times as many people as the produce of an acre planted with wheat.

Getting Out of a Hole.

"See, madame, did you ever see such a homely man as that one over by the chimney corner?"

"Sir, that is my husband."

"Ah, madame, how true the proverb is that the homeliest men always have the handsomest wives."—Gaulois.

Ayer's Asthma Cure

better known as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, has made a record for its remarkable cures of asthma. Cases that have been considered beyond hope or help have been cured by this remedy. We give two examples of such cures out of the many on record:—

"My mother has been a great sufferer from asthma for the past ten years, and her recovery is almost without a parallel. On account of her advanced age—over seventy—we had but little hopes of ever seeing her well again; but we are sincerely grateful to inform you that she has been entirely cured by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."
INGLIS BANKS, Tar Brook, N.S.

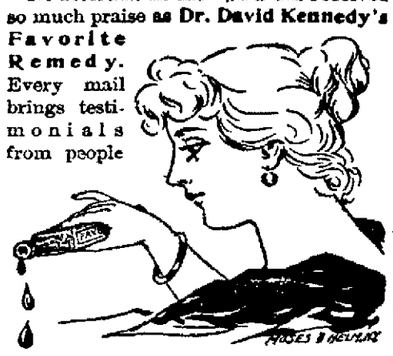
"I was a sufferer for a long time from asthma, vainly endeavoring to procure relief in the use of ordinary remedies. At length I was induced to try a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first bottle afforded me so much benefit that I continued the use of the remedy until entirely cured."
JOSEPH KLONZ, Charlotte, N.C.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

put up in half-size bottles, 50 cents. Full-size bottle, $1.00.

Health in Every Drop.

No medicine in the world has received so much praise as **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.** Every mail brings testimonials from people



all over the United States. Words of thankfulness go up from thousands of lips.

„Mrs. James E. Beach, of Rosendale, N. Y., says: "About seven years ago I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so sick and helpless I could not walk a step. My physician could do me no good, so I began to use **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.** From the first dose I could see improvement and it entirely cured me. My husband used it for dyspepsia, with excellent results."

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy dissolves the excess of uric acid in the blood, thus curing Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Kidney, Liver and Urinary troubles. Ills peculiar to women are positively and permanently cured by this marvelous medicine.

$1 a bottle at druggists'.

Dodging a Law.

A German historian explains how young journeymen ea[illegible] in the present century used to dodge the law forbidding anyone to cross the boundary between two states unless he owned a certain small sum of money. They used to spend a night at a tavern near the boundary, borrow the sum needed from the host, leaving their bundles as pawn, whereupon they saw the officials, showed their money, got the permit, returned to the host, gave back the money, and shouldered their knapsacks.

Snakes in Massachusetts.

Seventy-eight snakes in one writhing mass were unearthed by men in the employ of the public works department of New Bedford, Mass., the other day. The reptiles were about a foot below the surface of the ground, and had gone into winter quarters. Near the same locality the same men discovered a nest of 20 snakes.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

Fruit growers, this is the time to make arrangements for your spring planting of fruit trees, small fruits and other stock. Don't pay agents a double price when you can buy stock grown in the rich soil of Orange Co. Nurseries. You can learn what to plant for profit by sending for T. J. Dwyer & Son's 1898 catalogue, box 4 Cornwall N. Y.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles. Scalds, Burns

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20, '98.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	137⅞	136⅝
Tobacco	86¾	86½
Chicago Gas	96½	95⅞
Nat. Lead	36	37
General Electric	34¾	35¼
U. S. L., pref	64¼	64
Tenn. Coal and Iron	26⅛	25¾
A. T. & S. F	12⅞	12⅜
C. B. & Q	99⅞	99
C. M. & St. P	95⅛	94⅞
R. I	89⅞	89½
D. L. & W	—	—
C. of N. J	95½	94
Erie	14¾	14½
D. and H	—	111
O. & W	15⅝	16¼
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref	28⅝	29
P. & R	21¾	21⅝
N. W	122¼	121⅞
L. S	—	—
N. Y. C	112⅝	112⅜
M. P	33⅞	33⅝
Texas	—	—
U. P	32⅛	31⅞
W. Union	91	90¼
L. & N	56⅜	56
Manhattan	117⅝	116½
P. M	31¼	31
Wabash, pref	18½	18¼
No. Pacific, pref	64⅞	64¼
W. L	—	—
Southern Ry	—	—
Southern, pref	30⅞	30⅝
May Wheat	91¼	91⅞
May Corn	28⅞	29
May Oats	23⅝	23¾
May Pork	$9 50	$9 70
May Lard	4 72	4 77

Standard Fine
GRANULATED SUGAR
$5.25 Per Hundred,
'Till Jan. 23d.
C. N. PREDMORE & SON.

BIRTHS.

O'MALLEY—In this city, Jan. 18, '98, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent O'Malley, a daughter.

KIRSCHBAUM—In this city, Jan. 18, '98, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Daniel Kirschbaum, of No. 343 North street, a boy.

MARRIED.

GODFREY—TUTHILL—In this city, Jan. 19, '98, by Rev. Charles Beattie, Emerson Godfrey and Adelaide M., daughter of Mrs. Frank L. Tuthill, both of Middletown.

DIED.

SEASE—In this city, Jan. 19, '98, Samuel A. Sease, in his seventy-fifth year.

Funeral Friday afternoon, at two o'clock, at the residence of his daughters, 22 Wickham avenue, and at two-thirty o'clock at Second Presbyterian Church.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 3. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 56 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer Lady assistant. Telephone 158, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 46 Great Jones street, New York.

$5 25 a Hundred Best Granulated Sugar! 'Till Jan. 23d.

J. W. SLOAT,

15-17 East Main St.

New To-Day.

Colonial Blended Flakes, Wheat, Oats and Rye; Whole Rolled Ox Tongue, Fancy Maple Sugar, 2 pound bricks; Maple Syrup, ½ gallon cans; Dundee Marmalade, Preserved Cherries, Raspberries, Clam Chowder, Currie Powder, Capers, Pitted Olives, Deviled Crabs, Best Imported Olive Oil

CITY GROCERS.

Bull & Youngblood,

56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.

TELEPHONE CALL 55.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

HARFORD'S MARKET — Fresh fish of all kinds, oysters and clams. Sullivan county pickerel. Best in city. dlt

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78dlyOc23,98

WANTED—Middle-aged woman or girl to assist in general housework. Must know plain cooking.
49d2t MRS. S. W. CORWIN, Wisner avenue.

TEETH—a good set $6 and $8, the BEST $10. Warranted five years. Odontunder, gas and ether administered. DR. ROBINSON, Iseman Building, James street.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D. Five pound pail, pure extracted 50c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street.
c Dec31, Jan6,13,20 CHESTER BELDING.

A. M. AMBLER repairs watches, clocks and jewelry at short notice, and guarantees it fully; also a complete stock of watches and jewelry at lowest prices
No. 50 North street, Middletown.

WANTED — Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

THE Law partnership firm heretofore existing of Merrill & Burke is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
Dated January 1st, 1898.
EDWIN S. MERRILL.
WM. J. BURKE.

INVENTORY SALE—To reduce our stock before we inventory, we will give a discount of 25 per cent. on all ribbons, fancy feathers, birds, sweeps, buckles and crowns. Special low prices on mourning hats and bonnets. Notions cheap also. Bone hair pins 10c a dozen, combs 4c., thread 3c., hooks and eyes 1c a card, dress shields 5c., pins 1c., needles 3c., 35 sheets paper for 5c., ledger and account books 5 and 10c., and hundred other things.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.
Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 78dtf

FALSE Hair, wigs, whiskers, moustaches, zither, harp, first-class hammerless revolver, 32 calibre, all cheap at the
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

AUCTION of Housefurnishing Goods at CARPENTER'S Store, 142 North street, to-night, at 7 o'clock. 48dtf

FOR SALE—Building Lot, on Mills avenue, second lot north from Hoffman street, 51 feet front, 100 feet deep. Time given on half purchase money. Enquire 24 Benton avenue. 48d6t

FOR RENT — Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location.
11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF UNCOLLECTED ACCOUNTS.

I, A. V. N. Powelson, as assignee of James E. Brazee, for benefit of creditors, will sell at public auction, on Saturday, the 22d day of January, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., at my office, No. 16 East Main street, Middletown, N. Y., all the uncollected accounts of the said James E. Brazee, and all bills and claims due the said estate.
A. V. N. POWELSON, Assignee.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., January 19th, 1898.
49d3t

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

This is to certify and public notice is hereby given that DEWITT C. McMONAGLE and WILLIAM H. ROGERS, heretofore doing business as co-partners under the firm name and style of McMONAGLE & ROGERS, of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y., for a valuable consideration have mutually agreed that the said copartnership existing as aforesaid be dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect on the first day of January, 1898.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 1st, 1898.
DEWITT C. McMONAGLE.
WILLIAM H. ROGERS.

NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

Whereas, the co-partnership heretofore existing between DEWITT C. McMONAGLE and WILLIAM H. ROGERS, under the firm name of "McMONAGLE & ROGERS," has heretofore been dissolved by mutual consent;

Now therefore, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, this certificate certifies that we, the undersigned, WILLIAM H. ROGERS and FRED S. ROGERS, will conduct the said business and will continue to use the said copartnership name of "McMONAGLE & ROGERS," in carrying on said business, and that said William H. Rogers and Fred S. Rogers will be the only persons dealing under such name in the said business of conducting and carrying on a general wholesale and retail drug and flavoring extract business.

That our respective places of abode is 65 Highland avenue, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, and that said business is to be conducted and carried on in the city of Middletown, Orange county, N. Y.

Dated Middletown N. Y., Jan. 13, 1898.
WILLIAM H. ROGERS.
FRED S. ROGERS.

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ORANGE. } s. s.:

On this 14th day of January, 1898, before me personally appeared WILLIAM H. ROGERS and FRED S. ROGERS, to me known and known to me to be the individuals mentioned and described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.
SEYMOUR DEWITT, Notary Public.
46d1mFeb15

NEW DEPARTURE.

A Bargain Counter.

SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW IN A MEAT MARKET

Come and see it. Everything marked in plain figures. We are selling, as usual, our make Sausage 3 pounds for 25c., Pork Chops 9c., 3 pounds for 25c., Lean Stewing Meat 5c. Remember this is headquarters. Don't fail to see our fine display in window.

W. J. GREENING, 13 E. Main St.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF JAN. 17.

Fred Rockwell, the well-known Chinese impersonator and cornet soloist. In novel and worth seeing. Miss Bella Henshaw, clever vocalist and dancer. Miss Bertie Smyth will return with new and up-to-date songs. Miss Clara Scott, soubrette.

P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Cars leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—Upright and faithful gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in New York. Monthly $65 and expenses. Position steady. Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. E., Chicago. 43d50t

TO CLOSE OUT AT ONCE. WE OFFER UNTIL SOLD.

15 Ladies' Eider Down Dressing Sacques.

Not all sizes. The former price was 89 and 98c. To clean them out quick we have marked them all 50c each.

58 Ladies' Cotton Eider Down Wrappers.

Extra well made, trimmed with braid or velvet, all cut extra wide, sold from $1 98 to $2 48. To close them out we have marked them $1.50—none exchanged.

17 Pair Shaker Flannel Blankets.

All 10 4 Some slightly soiled. They sold at 75, 98c and $1.19. To close them out we have marked them 55, 75 and 95c a pair.

14 Pair White Wool Blankets.

They are 60 per cent. wool, are 10 4 and 11 4, are worth $2.75 and $3 per pair. To close them out have marked them $1.98 and $2.25.

38 Child's Outing Flannel Skirts.

Age from 4 to 10 years. Will pay to buy them for next year. As long as they last 15c each.

180 Flannelette Wrappers.

Made with box pleated back, tight fitting, all cut extra wide, come either in navy blue, stripe or black and white polka dot. To close out quick we have made the price 79c.

THE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE IS DRAWING CROWDS! WHY?

The women who are acquainted with the quality of the muslin wear sold here are many. They know that these annual trade events bring them worthy garments at prices unknown at other times. We do not say that all are sold at a loss to us. We make a profit, but that profit comes to us from selling ten garments when otherwise only one would go. The advantage is yours and ours. You buy cheaply, we sell much.

Ladies' Muslin Drawers.

Well made, trimmed with either fine tucks or lace, 15c a pair.

Ladies' Drawers.

Made from either fine muslin or cambric 25, 29, 39, 48c. Many wonder how we can even buy the material for what we sell the whole garment for.

Ladies' Night Gowns.

39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 98c. You pay for the material only, we throw in the work.

Corset Covers.

15, 19, 25c. Perfect fitting. Couldn't be better made, and less than the cloth and trimming would cost you.

Umbrella Skirts.

All made with an extra wide ruffle. No need of wasting your time when you can buy at the prices we sell them at 49, 75, 89, 98c., $1.39, $1 48.

HART DAVIS, 45 North Street, Middletown.